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I'll do my best for all of you: MP

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CONSERVATIVE Richard Drax has been re-elected as MP for South Dorset – increasing his share of the vote to more than 56 percent.

In what ended up being a relatively comfortable victory, Mr Drax cruised home with just over 29,000 votes and 56.1 percent of the vote share.

The pro-Brexit MP had no UKIP candidate stand against him, and it is thought that helped him increase his vote share from what it was at the 2015 general election.

Labour also found cause to celebrate as candidate Tashi Warr polled 17,440 votes – a share of 33.6 percent of those cast and a vast improvement on 2015 (11,762, 24.2 percent).

Mr Drax said: "I know there were many thousands who didn't vote Conservative but I will do my best without fear or favour for everyone."

This is the third time Mr Drax has been victorious in the South Dorset constituency, which covers Weymouth and Portland, after first taking the seat from Labour's Jim Knight in 2010.

It was also a successful campaign for the Conservatives in West Dorset, where Oliver Letwin was also re-elected, increasing his share of the vote, finishing 20,000 votes ahead of second placed Liberal Democrats.

The Tories also retained Bournemouth East and West, Dorset North, Dorset Mid and Poole North, Christchurch and Poole.

SOUTH DORSET RESULT
Conservative Richard Drax – 29,135 ELECTED
Labour, Tashi Warr – 17,440
Liberal Democrat, Howard Legg – 3,053
Green, Jon Orrell – 2,278

Simon Hoare won the Dorset North seat with 36,169 votes. Labour's Pat Osborne received 10,392 votes.

Michael Tomlinson said he was "honoured" to win the Dorset Mid and Poole North seat for a second time – with 28,585 votes – to beat Liberal Democrat Vikki Slade's 13,246.

MP Richard Drax enjoyed success on a testing night for the Tories

Robber sent to jail

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Town manager role

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All change: county council awards new bus contracts

DORSET County Council has awarded new contracts for supported public and school transport services.

The new contracts, which replace those due to expire in July, cover seven core public transport routes and 13 secondary/upper schools. These have been awarded to four local bus companies:

- Go South Coast (Damory);
- First Hampshire and Dorset;
- South West Coaches; and
- Vale Coaches

The new contracts cover two elements of travel support provided by the county council, which represent a significant step towards realising the council's Passenger Transport Strategy:

- a core network of seven public bus routes between Dorset's market towns that help support Dorset's economy by helping people travel to school, college, training or work; and
- 13 school contracts allocated on a 'one school, one operator' basis. This provides a more simple approach, allowing schools to develop working relationships with a single bus company.

The council's Cabinet agreed these changes last September, following a public consultation on the proposals between May and July.

Fewer routes

There are around 100 public transport routes in Dorset, of which 35 are currently supported by the council. About 70 per cent of existing public transport routes will continue to operate after July. These routes account for more than 90 per cent of public transport trips in the county.

The council is working with transport operators to continue some currently subsidised routes on a commercial basis.

The seven public transport routes between Dorset's market towns will start on 24 July. These are:

- Route 1 – Blandford to Sherborne – South West Coaches (currently operated by Damory as Service X10)
- Route 2 – Shaftesbury to Gillingham – South West Coaches (currently operated by Damory as Services 59 and 158)
- Route 3 – Blandford to Shaftesbury – South West Coaches (currently operated by Damory as Service X9)
- Route 4 – Sturminster Newton to Gillingham – South West Coaches (currently operated by Damory as Service 309)
- Route 5 – Blandford to Dorchester – First Hampshire and Dorset (currently operated by Damory as Services X12 and 187)
- Route 6 – Blandford to Salisbury – Go South Coast (currently operated by DCC as Service 20)
- Route 7 – Sherborne to Dorchester – South West Coaches (currently operated by Damory as Service X11)

The new school contracts, which will start in September, are:

- First Hampshire and Dorset – Beaminster School; Sir John Colfox School, Bridport; and, Woodroffe School, Lyme Regis.
- Go South Coast – The Blandford School; Ferndown Upper School; Queen Elizabeth's School, Wimborne; Lytchett Minster School; Purbeck School, Wareham; and, Thomas Hardy's School, Dorchester.
- South West Coaches – Gillingham School; and, Gryphon School, Sherborne.
- Vale Coaches – Sturminster Newton High School.

'Smooth as possible'

The council has been working closely with bus companies and schools to make any changes to services as smooth as possible.

Cllr Daryl Turner, Cabinet member for the natural and built environment, said:

"The new contracts have been designed by talking with a range of companies and listening to local people about how we can meet the current and future needs of our communities and economy with less money available, as well as following discussions with potential providers and bus companies.

"We have had to think about travel in a completely different way, which has meant making difficult decisions. This means moving away from the old way of subsidising bus companies to run commercially unviable services that very few people use, to one that looks at the bigger picture and how we can work more closely with our communities.

"Schools, parents and pupils will have better information by only dealing with one bus company. We will focus on funding public routes that serve 80 per cent of our population and help our economy grow. And we are encouraging bus companies to open up more of their school routes to the public, providing further opportunities to travel, especially for college pupils over 16.

"At the same time, we will continue to help rural communities develop their own, more flexible options to keep people connected, which is resulting in a diverse and expanding community transport network."

FURTHER DETAILS

More information about changes to school and public bus routes can be found at: www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/travel-dorset/public-transport-bus-and-rail

More information on community transport can be found at: www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/travel-dorset/bus/community-transport

For those not online Dorset County Council can be phoned for bus route information on 01305 221000.

The best place to keep up-to-date with changes to timetables is online via Traveline South West at www.travelinesw.com

Damory service changes

DAMORY has announced changes to the bus services it operates across Dorset, following the end of its six-year contract with Dorset County Council.

With effect from Sunday, July 23rd, the bus operator will continue to run the following services:

- Route 20 Blandford to Salisbury – to be operated on a new timetable, more details to follow
- X12 Blandford to Weymouth – four journeys per day, timings to follow
- Route 185, Blandford Camp to Blandford school service – Damory will operate a schoolday-only service
- Route 5, Swanage to Durlston seasonal service – continued for the 2017 season.

From July, Damory will also operate a small number of inter-peak Dorchester town service journeys which are currently operated by the local authority.

For more information about Damory routes, please visit www. damory.co.uk

Armed Forces Day next week

WITH just 10 days to go until the big day, the South West is preparing to show their appreciation to the UK's armed forces.

Armed Forces Day is an opportunity to say thank you to the entire armed forces community for the outstanding work they do: soldiers, sailors, airmen and women – both regulars and reservists – cadets and veterans.

In its ninth year, Armed Forces Day is the national day dedicated to honouring the work of the armed forces.

From fighting Daesh (ISIS) in the Middle East, to guarding the UK's skies and seas, the UK's Armed Forces will be saluted at a record 300+ events across the UK and at the national event, which this year takes place in Liverpool.

Events are also scheduled to take place across the South West.

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Carnival call for helpers

ENTHUSIASTIC and friendly volunteers are needed for this year's Weymouth Carnival.

The two-day event will be held on Tuesday, August 15th and Wednesday 16th.

Those who can help for a whole day, or just a few hours, would be welcomed.

Tasks include an early start to set up stalls, marshalls for the torchlight parade on Tuesday and the main parade on Wednesday; programme and raffle ticket sellers. Training will be offered prior to the day you work.

Tuesday events include sports, games and live music on the beach prior to the evening torchlight procession.

Wednesday will see air displays, including the Red Arrows and the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, with the procession this year starting from Lodmoor and coming into the town, rather than, as in previous years, starting at the Pavilion.

To volunteer, please email Stacey Follan at *manpower@weymouthcarnival.co.uk*

Open spaces celebrated

SEVERAL events are being held in Weymouth parks this weekend – organised by local 'Friends' groups.

They have been organised by Weymouth Civic Society as part of Civic Day – an event to celebrate public open spaces.

There will also be an exhibition looking at local parks, and their histories, at the Haven Owners lounge on the Esplanade throughout this week and weekend.

A map has been produced that will lead people on a tour of the parks and gardens in Weymouth and Portland, which will be available free at the exhibition venue.

This Saturday, June 17th, Sandsfoot Gardens will be holding an 'Art in the Park' event with a competition, starting at 1pm, to make a picture postcard.

In Radipole Gardens, also on Saturday, there will be a teddy bears' picnic from 2.30pm, while on Sunday 18th the Weymouth Ukuleleans entertain with a 2pm concert at Greenhill Gardens.

■ IT'S picnic time for teddy bears

Recruitment drive for town centre manager

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A WEYMOUTH 'town centre manager' is going to be recruited – at a cost of £120,000 over two years.

Weymouth BID is putting £20,000 towards the first-year costs of the new post, which will come under the Borough Council.

But the post holder won't have a budget and will have to rely on others to spend their money to make any improvements identified.

The position came about after complaints about the run-down state of some areas of the town centre.

Strategic Director for the Borough Council Martin Hamilton says the new post-holder will identify problems "liaising with various responsible agencies, the BID, and businesses to secure the early remedy of problems and develop long-term initiatives to improve the centre."

■ In another development an 'action plan' has been published to transform Weymouth's Park District, one of the most deprived areas in Dorset, despite being just yards from the seafront.

It will include tackling the area's drug problem, challenging petty crime, homelessness and poor housing.

The plan comes from the Melcombe Regis Board, which was criticised earlier this year for being made up of 'the great and good' and not fully consulting local people who live in the area – a complaint which the board denied.

The project has £100,000 'seed money' and will rely on various agencies putting in their own money and co-operating with each other.

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The NHS is being asked to bear some of the cost with plans to tackle smokers, those who are overweight, substance abusers and the many people who take no exercise at all.

Other targets, such as improving street lighting, pedestrian safety and road lay-outs will come down to whether or not cash-strapped local councils can find the money to invest in the area at a time of unprecedented austerity.

It is expected that groups such as the Park Community Centre, which is well-regarded and active, will take the lead in developing more activities for residents while Weymouth College will be asked to encourage the area's young people to sign up for apprenticeship schemes.

■ A survey has been launched to find out what people who live in Melcombe Regis think about the area.

People are being asked to have their say about housing, job opportunities, the local environment, health services and community safety.

The survey, which takes about five minutes to complete, is open to all residents of Melcombe Regis and is available at the council website *dorsetforyou.com/mr2017*

Paper copies are also available at Weymouth Library in Great George Street, the Park Community Centre in Chelmsford Street and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council offices in Commercial Road.

The survey aims to discover where improvements for the area could be made and what opportunities could be created for greater community involvement.

It has been produced by the Team Around Melcombe Regis, who are a group of community representatives and staff from various agencies set up to develop a work programme to understand and address the opportunities and challenges that exist so improvements can be made. The group consists of residents, as well as representatives from health, education, police and council services.

The survey will be carried out again next year to find out if residents think things are improving. Responses to the survey need to be made by July 2nd and the organisers hope as many residents as possible will reply.

Robber is jailed for ten years

A MAN who robbed two people in Weymouth has been jailed for ten years.

David Christian Kelly, aged 43 and of no fixed abode, was sentenced at Bournemouth Crown Court on Monday, June 5th after being convicted of two robberies following a trial.

On Friday, April 29th 2016, at around 7.10pm, Kelly and another man went to the home address of his first victim, a Weymouth man aged in his 50s.

Kelly had asked to buy some tobacco from the victim and followed him into his bedroom when he went to get it.

He then shoved the victim, causing him to fall back onto the bed. Kelly then leaned over him and the victim felt something cold and sharp against his neck.

■ JAILED: David Kelly, 43

Kelly demanded money and when the victim said he did not have any he started going through his jeans pockets, taking out his wallet. He also searched the wardrobe before leaving the property with the second man.

The victim, who found that £135 had been taken from his wallet, then called the police.

Three packets of tobacco, a mobile phone and a large bottle containing around £50 in coins were also taken.

Kelly was arrested on Friday, May 13th.

Whilst on bail for the offence, he committed a further robbery. On Wednesday, July 13th 2016, Kelly's second victim, an 18-year-old Weymouth man, met a group of unknown men in an alleyway off King Street in the town at around 1.30am.

One of the men offered to sell him drugs and he went to a nearby flat where an unknown female was also present. All three of them were in the bedroom when the victim had a sheet placed over his head and was pushed onto the bed. He described feeling a weight on his back and was unable to move.

The victim said he also felt something jabbing him in the back as his trouser pockets were rummaged through. He was then picked up by the neck and ejected from the property, with the door closed behind him. The victim banged on the door to demand his phone back. The door then opened and his phone was thrown out to him.

He then went to a nearby taxi office, where a member of staff contacted police at around 2.25am. Officers visited the flat and arrested Kelly.

Detective Constable Siobhan Lovering, of Weymouth CID, said: "Kelly subjected both of his victims to what must have been very frightening ordeals. I hope this sentence sends out a clear message that these kind of offences will not be tolerated and that offenders will be dealt with robustly."

Call-outs for lifeboat team

WEYMOUTH RNLI volunteer crews were involved in the rescue of a stranded paraglider and towed a yacht off rocks over the weekend.

The inshore lifeboat was launched at 1.50pm on Saturday, June 10th to reports of a paraglider who had landed on a remote beach East of White Nothe.

Once on the scene the volunteer crew quickly established that the flyer was not injured but was unable to get up from the beach due to the surrounding cliffs.

The sea state was such that the lifeboat was not able to get ashore so it was decided that a Coastguard cliff rescue team would be the best way of recovering the man. The lifeboat stayed on scene, just off shore, to direct the Wyke Regis Coastguard rescue team to the right spot. Once the paraglider was recovered to the cliff top the lifeboat was released to return to station at 3.45pm.

On Sunday all-weather lifeboat *Ernest and Mabel* was launched at 2.10am to reports of a vessel on the rocks at Lulworth Cove. She was pulled off of the rocks and towed back to Weymouth Harbour arriving at 05.15am.

Future vision

WEYMOUTH BID held a meeting this week – to look at plans for the future.

The Levy Payers Forum Meeting was held this Tuesday, June 13th, at the Royal Dorset Yacht Club.

Board members were on hand to discuss the BID's plans and to provide an opportunity for comment on a survey sent out to current levy payers asking for their views on the BID renewal and what should be in the new Weymouth BID business plan.

Steve Newstead, Weymouth BID chair, said: "We will be asking levy payers who attend the Forum if they would like to complete an application form to become a member of Weymouth BID Ltd. This is already available to levy payers but it was felt useful to encourage this at the meeting where we can discuss the importance of this in more detail."

Art showcase

WEYMOUTH Art Group is staging a one-day exhibition at the Southill Community Centre on Tuesday, July 25th.

It will be open between 10am and 4.30pm and will feature paintings by many local artists in a variety of styles and mediums.

Free tea/coffee and biscuits will be on offer, along with a chance to meet the artists.

Death Notice

RICE HENRY

died peacefully on the 6th June 2017 aged 81 years. Much loved Dad, Grandad, will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. The Funeral service will take place at St Michaels Church, Lyme Regis on Monday 19th June at 12.00 noon. Family flowers only please donations if desired to The Fortuneswell Cancer Trust c/o AJ Wakely & Sons, 7a Silver Street, Lyme Regis, DT7 3HR.

Death Notice

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Graham Davies

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Sun and fun in good

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KINGSTON Maurward's Summer Open Day on Sunday proved so popular that even the overflow car parks were overflowing.

Thousands came to the event, which for the first time in years was free.

The decision resulted in the event being the biggest and best yet, with fun for the whole family.

With entertainment, demonstrations, competitions and music based around the 18th century mansion house and its 750-acre estate, lake and gardens, the weather was kind and everyone seemed to be having fun.

With live music by the lakeside and hundreds enjoying a picnic to a range of music throughout the afternoon, many were asking why the once popular series of summer concerts could not make a return.

For the less laid back there were dog shows, birds of prey demonstrations, pony rides and tractor driving – not to mention trade stands and local produce from the Dorset Food and Drink vendors.

The afternoon music got under way with The Academy Jazz Band, featuring the principals from Kingston Maurward and Weymouth Colleges – Luke Rake and Nigel Evans – delivering some cool jazz on the main stage.

There was then something of a 'battle of the bands' – with performances from five groups or individuals who had entered the college's competition.

For school leavers the event offered an opportunity to find out about the college's courses, which range from agriculture, countryside management, equine, animal welfare and science, horticulture, outdoor education, foundation learning and more.

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WORK, REST AND PLAY: Time for a picnic break, above, or a ride on trains and tractors, below

Students enjoy trip of a lifetime

COUNTRYSIDE and Wildlife students from Kingston Maurward College have returned from the trip of a lifetime with the Atlantic Whale Foundation in Puerto Colon, Tenerife.

The AWF has been monitoring short-finned pilot whales and bottlenose dolphins for the last 25 years to establish population sizes and the effect that charter boats have on their behaviour.

Staff and students went out on the charter boats each day and recorded the numbers of each species, their sex, the exact time and location of each interaction – and took photographs of the whales' and dolphins' dorsal fins so that they could identify the individual animals when they returned to the research centre.

To date over 600 individual pilot whales have been identified, with a population estimated at over 800. The whales are attracted to the deep water just off the coast where there is an abundance of food.

The students volunteered during their visit to encourage holidaymakers to sign a petition to save the critically endangered Vaquita porpoise, which is threatened as bycatch from trawlers fishing in the Gulf of Mexico.

They also spoke to the passengers about the AWF and the work they are doing to increase awareness of the threats to whale and dolphin populations.

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Approval for plan to transform the county museum

EXCITING plans to expand and redevelop Dorchester's County Museum have been given the go-ahead by West Dorset District Council.

The proposals, which call for the transformation of the museum's facilities, include a new learning centre, library, café and shop and additional gallery space.

Hidden behind the museum's 19th century façade lie almost four million artefacts, charting the natural, archaeological, cultural and social history of Dorset.

With £13 million of the £15 million target already pledged, these hidden gems will once again see the light of day, helping to illustrate, educate and inform us of our unique history.

"We are absolutely delighted that the relevant authorities have recognised the importance and significance of the project to the local community and to the county. We can now look forward to realising our ambition to provide Dorset with the appropriate facilities in which to properly conserve, display and make accessible, our wonderful collection," says Dr Jon Murden, Director of Dorset County museum.

Online donations to the appeal can be made via *www.tomorrowsmuseumfordorset.org*

In recognition of the museum's unique collections and its role in furthering the knowledge of palaeontology, the museum will be welcoming its largest and oldest visitor in February 2018.

Dippy, the famous diplodocus skeleton replica from the National History Museum, is embarking on a national tour, with Dorchester being his first stop.

When he was roaming the Earth, Dippy measured almost 30 metres in length and weighed an incredible 15 tonnes. Once installed in the museum's magnificent Victorian gallery, there will be just inches to spare.

Dr Jon Murden is understandably overjoyed at the prospect of Dippy coming to town.

"Dippy's visit is a once in generation opportunity and as such we're expecting a huge demand for tickets," he said.

The museum's online ticket reservation service will be launched very soon but visitors are advised to register their advance interest by visiting the museum website – *www.dorsetcountymuseum.org* – and visiting the Dippy page.

Working in partnership with the Jurassic Coast Trust, the museum will offer visitors expert guided tours and the experience of real life time travel by visiting the Jurassic Coast and travelling back 155 million years.

■ BREWERY Square's One Great Day hit it lucky with the weather. Dozens of youngsters were able to run in and out of the fountains while their carers had a choice of stalls for entertainment, food and drink. The event was held to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital and the children's charity Butterflies. Attractions also included face painting, games and quizzes. There was live music, plus market stalls, street food and – for the more energetic – exercises with Anytime Fitness Dorchester which started the day with a SlimDance session, followed by high-intensity training

Businesses urged to improve tourist information

DORCHESTER businesses are being asked to help improve the information available for tourists.

The town's Business Improvement District wants them to provide basic information, such as maps and town leaflets, at what are known as Tourist Information Points.

Those taking part will host a small display of leaflets and have a TIP sign displayed in their window.

A number of town centre businesses have already said they will take part – now the Business Improvement District would like more to join them.

Project director Phil Gordon said he would particularly like to hear from those who are close to entry points to the town centre – car parks, bus stops, or the station.

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Catch fish suppliers at new home

SEAFOOD supplier West Country Catch has relocated from Dorchester to Link Park on the Granby industrial estate in Weymouth.

Tim and Lou Edwards, who live in Bridport, created West Country Catch in February 2013 and now supply some of the finest hotels and restaurants in the south west, including the Hix Oyster & Fish House, River Cottage HQ and The Anchor Inn in Seatown, near Bridport.

West Country Catch source their fish from Weymouth and Portland boats as well as from Brixham, Plymouth and Newlyn.

Tim said: "We are in constant contact with our buyers in Brixham and Cornwall throughout the day. This means I can then offer our customers the finest fish at the best prices."

The new 3,000sq ft Weymouth unit includes bespoke office space, a retail counter which enables sales to the public and an extensive fish preparation area where everything can be filleted and prepared to order.

Mickey Jones, chief executive of DJ Property, said: "I was delighted when Lou and Tim approached me for advice about new premises for their growing business. The West Country Catch business is expanding and finding the right unit to meet their needs was very important."

West Country Catch have over 100 customers, employ six full time members of staff and are looking to expand over the next few years.

MEET Lou and Tim Edwards of West Country Catch at their new Link Park unit on Weymouth's Granby industrial estate

Attack probe: three people released

DETECTIVES investigating how a man sustained serious head injuries in Weymouth have released three people without charge.

The man, aged in his 40s, was found lying next to a bicycle in Upway Street, off King Street, at around 6.30pm on Wednesday, March 15th.

An ambulance attended and the man was taken to Dorset County Hospital for treatment to serious injuries to his head. He was in hospital for several days and was unable to clearly recollect how he came to be injured.

A 23-year-old man from Kent, a 22-year-old man from London and a 20 year-old woman from London arrested in connection with the incident have been released without charge.

All set for the weekend's carnival

DORCHESTER is gearing up for this weekend's annual carnival.

Events start on Friday evening with a four-legged race, for teams of three, around a circuit of town centre pubs and bars.

Competitors simply need to turn up at the Colliton Club at 7pm and sign up for the event, which is being organised by Dorchester Round Table.

Saturday, the 17th, is the main carnival day, with stalls in South Street and at Brewery School throughout the day.

The procession this year begins earlier than normal – with 'Night at the Movies' themed floats and walking entries setting off from the Fairfield, opposite Brewey Square, at 5.30pm.

Marshalls will close town centre roads to traffic as soon as the procession is ready to move off.

Earlier in the afternoon, at 3.15pm, there will be a majorettes competition in Brewery Square.

Carnival organisers are still looking for volunteers that can help with marshalling and supervising the procession. If you can help please email *carnival.dorchester@gmail.com* and they will give you the details.

Arts group reveals expansion plan

DORCHESTER Arts are holding a drop-in coffee morning this week to explain their plans for the future.

The event is taking place this Thursday, June 15th, in the Corn Exchange, from 10.30am until noon.

The box office will be open, and volunteers will be on hand to answer any queries. There will also be the opportunity to learn more about the group's participation strand, and plans to expand as the group prepares for an eventual move to the Maltings site, *pictured right*.

£3 entry, to include a cup of tea or coffee; and a piece of homemade cake.

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■ STAN Mobbs reads to walkers from the Dorchester Strollers group on a bridge at the Hatches

Walkers aren't averse to some classic poetry

DORCHESTER Strollers, the walking for fitness group, held a poetry walk – arranged by Mary Foskett.

The walkers were joined by Brian Caddy, secretary of the William Barnes Society, for a joint reading in Dorset dialect of the William Barnes poem, *Ecologue – The Common A-Took In* – the other reader being Jeff Mowlam.

Jeff also read two other William Barnes poems during the walk.

The route was along Ratty's Trail and at Blue Bridge *The Kingfisher* by W H Davies was read. Just before Greys Bridge, at the Hatches, Stan Mobbs read about them and *The Mayor of Casterbridge*.

There were five other readings at appropriate places along the route.

Dorchester Strollers is an accredited walking for health group offering two regular walk occasions each week, on Monday mornings and on Tuesday afternoons. Each time a slow walk of up to 45 minutes is offered and also a longer, faster walk of an hour.

The group is run entirely by volunteers and now that its popularity is growing, they say they would welcome more leaders.

A training day has been arranged for Wednesday, June 21st. Anyone interested should telephone 01305 263759 for more details of how you can become involved.

Programmes can be obtained from the Dorchester Tourist Information Centre, by looking on the website *www.walkingforhealth.org.uk* or by getting in touch with the co-ordinator on this phone numb er: 01305 263759.

■ DORCHESTER Strollers make their way along Ratty's Trail

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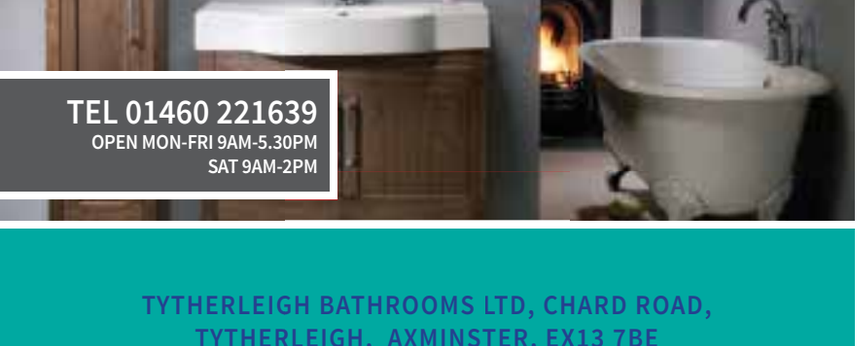

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Pond and picnic day

VOLUNTEERS are needed for a pond and picnic day at the Transition Town Dorchester Poundbury Orchard this Sunday, June 18th.

Helpers should turn up from 11am. The group's annual meeting takes place at 3pm for those who want to take part in the business part of running the venture.

Discover lost railways

THE 'lost' railways of Dorset and Somerset will be the subject of a talk to the local history group at Charlton Down village hall on Wednesday, July 5th, starting at 7.30pm.

The guest speaker for the event will be John Baxter from the Dorset & Somerset Railway Trust. The talk is open to non-members and costs £3.

■ PETER Oswick and representatives from local Lions clubs present a cheque for £1,000 to Rachel Cole of DCH Charity at the site of the new radiotherapy centre at Dorset County Hospital

Lions back cancer appeal

REPRESENTATIVES from Lions Clubs in Weymouth and Portland, Dorchester, Bridport and Blackmore Vale visited the Dorset County Hospital to show their support for the Cancer Appeal.

Peter Oswick, who is chairman of the Lion Zone 1A Clubs, presented a cheque for £1,000 to Rachel Cole, the fundraising and communications manager at Dorset County Hospital Charity.

Lions clubs from the four areas had each donated £250 to the Cancer Appeal being run by Dorset County Hospital Charity.

Peter said: "The provision of radiotherapy services in Dorchester will make a huge difference to local people with cancer.

"To be able to come to Dorchester for radiotherapy instead of going all the way to Poole will make things a little more bearable at what is always a really difficult time."

The Lions are also providing a team to help with the Charity's Walk for Wards event, which is taking place on July 2nd.

The Lions will be marshalling the route and providing support on Weymouth beach – including the provision of a giant start and finish sign.

Andy Rose, vice-president of Dorchester Lions, has been working with Dorset County Hospital Charity for some time.

He said: "We helped at the last two Walk for Wards events and we are very happy to be involved again this year as the Cancer Appeal is a project we all want to support."

The Cancer Appeal is funding a new outpatients department for all cancer patients at Dorset County Hospital.

It will be built on top of the new radiotherapy unit currently under construction on the hospital site on Bridport Road. To date nearly £1.1 million has been raised, with a further £650,000 to go.

Lasting tribute to slavery campaigner

A FORMER Weymouth MP who campaigned against slavery has had a monument built to remember him.

The Bishop of Sherborne dedicated the £90,000 monument, made by Weymouth College students, at a ceremony on Bincleaves Green.

Descendants of Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton, an MP for Weymouth in the 1800s, attended the ceremony.

Buxton already has memorials to him in London, Jamaica and Sierra Leone.

The local tribute is the result of seven years of work by the Thomas Fowell Buxton Society. Founding member Dr John Fannon said it was a "great relief" to see the monument finally in place.

Sir Thomas held the Weymouth and Melcombe Regis seat from 1818 to 1837 and is seen as a leading campaigner in getting slavery abolished across the British Empire, with the exception of India, in 1833.

"He was a man of great integrity... The man was a great philanthropist and it seems Wilberforce gets the credit for abolishing slavery but he was only one of many, many heroes of the anti-slavery movement. But it was Buxton who put the final cap on it," said Dr Fannon.

The monument was designed by former Weymouth College student Peter Loizou, with stone from Albion Stone, Portland.

The Bishop of Sherborne, the Right Reverend Karen Gorham, led the service of dedication, which was attended by the Lord Lieutenant of Dorset, the High Sheriff of Dorset and the Mayor of Weymouth and Portland. Also attending and taking part in the dedication was the Right Reverend Antony Foottit, Bishop of Lynn, 1999-2003, where Thomas Fowell Buxton retired after leaving Weymouth.

There was also a reading by Mrs Frances Jones-Davies, elder daughter of Sir Joscelyn Buxton deceased, the 7th Baronet. Amongst others attending was James Buxton, the Chairman of the Thomas Fowell Buxton Society and his cousin Joe Buxton, the family historian. The monument itself stands almost five metres with a cameo portrait of Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton on the North West side, his coat of arms on the North East side and inscriptions to him on the remaining sides.

■ THE Right Reverend Karen Gorham, Bishop of Sherborne, with speaker Sir Crispin Buxton under the portrait of Thomas Fowell Buxton, the First Baronet

■ PETER Loizou, the Weymouth College student (at the time) and now a teacher for the college who designed the monument (under the tutelage of Master Craftsman Richard Mortimer), with the Deputy High Commissioner for Barbados, Alphea M Wiggins. Below: the Deputy High Commissioner with Weymouth and Portland Mayor Kevin Brookes

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ABOUT THE OPEN DAY

CARE Home Open Day is a UK wide initiative inviting care homes to open their doors to their local communities.

Thousands of care homes across the UK take part each year, welcoming the public and arranging events and activities that help to create lasting links between care home residents and their local communities.

This is all about showing people what excellent care homes are really about and how they can be at the centre of local communities, developing relationships across the generations.

We're making some positive noise - and we want you to be part of it!

This year we are once again partnering with The Big Lunch, which is the UK's annual get together for neighbours. Every year in June since the idea began in 2009, millions of people stop what they're doing and get together with neighbours in a nationwide act of community and friendship. In partnering with National Care Home Open Day in 2017, The Big Lunch is aiming to support care homes all over the country to open their doors and invite the community in.

Organising a Big Lunch shouldn't be overly complicated, or require a lot of resources or money: it can be as big or as small as you like. By making use of what you already have and doing a little research to see what others can share, you'd be surprised at what you can all bring to the table!

5TH YEAR RUNNING!

AS CARE Home Open Day's emphasis is on the importance of connecting with local communities, developing lasting relationships and encouraging intergenerational rapport, the theme for this year will be "Friendship" and as part of this year's event, we will be celebrating Care Home Open Day in conjunction with The Big Lunch.

The Big Lunch, part of the Eden Project in Cornwall and an annual event, aims to get as many people as possible to share lunch together in an act of friendship that will encourage communities to connect and help to prevent isolation amongst those who may be living alone. It's the perfect recipe for having fun with your neighbours, feeding community spirit and helping to build stronger neighbourhood connections - so fits in nicely with the Care Home Open Day ethos!

Care homes are encouraged to celebrate friendships that have developed between residents, families, friends and staff, as well as with their neighbours, to reinforce how they should be an integral part of their local community.

Good care homes do great things all year round and this one day is to highlight what you do within your local communities.

So, get your thinking caps on, get your residents, their families, staff and your friends in the local community involved in deciding what you would like to do for the day, and get planning!

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WHAT DO WE WANT TO ACHIEVE?

CARE Home Open Day is about connecting people! We want to enrich the lives of the UK's care home residents by reminding people that care homes in every community are filled with unique, intelligent and charming characters, and run by special people that really do care.

But don't just take our word for it - we hope you will join us on 16th June 2017 - just click here to find a home near you and see what they're planning for the big day! If you are a care home who wants to join in, then just click on the registration tab at the top of the home page and set up an account.

In the mean time, we need everyone to get involved and help us by spreading the word - just like us on Facebook or share with your friends on Twitter, and together we'll make a difference that lasts!

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WHEN THE ROLES REVERSE

AS OUR population increasingly ages and the social care system continues to suffer from underfunding, caring for parents can become a worry. Gemma Dunn looks at the options

For many of us, there comes a time when the roles reverse, and children find themselves needing to care for their ageing parents.

Caring for your parent(s) in old age may be one of the most challenging, complex and emotional tasks you ever have to undertake.

Not only are you trying to balance their needs against yours and your own family's, you're also coming to terms with the 180-degree role reversal - dubbed 'parentification' - between the elderly parent and child.

Yet with the population increasingly ageing - one in 12 people will be aged over 80 by 2039, with the number of centenarians projected to rise nearly six-fold to 83,000 - it's a reality many of us are likely to face up to.

MOVING IN TOGETHER

If you're considering caring for them yourself and having them come and live in your home, you might want to take into consideration the points raised by charity Carers UK (www.carersuk.org).

This is not an option for many - but if it's a viable solution for your family, ensure you consider all aspects before making the move.

For example, do you have the space without putting a strain on your living conditions? Moving an elderly parent in could cause tension if you need to adapt a ground floor room or provide access to specific equipment, to meet mobility needs or otherwise.

One point to note is moving your relative in won't affect your eligibility for support. You're still entitled to a carer's assessment and any financial backing and benefits that may arise as a result.

Have a read on the government services website gov.uk, where you'll find information covering benefits such as Carer's Allowance, Carer's Credits and Community Care Grants (www.gov.uk/carers-allowance).

HOME OF THEIR OWN

If a line of support means your elderly parent can remain in their own space - in surroundings they recognise, feel comfortable in and are able to manage in - home help may well be the best option.

The type of help available, however, will vary across local authorities. While it usually takes the form of home-care worker visits in the morning and evening, the extent to which care is given depends on your relative's mobility and how easily they perform personal care tasks, such as getting up, getting dressed and cooking a meal.

SEEKING A CARE HOME

For some families, the above options might not be viable. It's true you can only be a good carer to your parent if you are fit and well enough to do so, and other circumstances may also come into play that make it difficult or impossible. If that's the case, and if looking after your parent at home is proving overwhelming, you might want to consider placing them into a care home.

This is a case of looking for the one that best suits their needs: do they need nursing care, or standard personal care? What can certain homes offer the residents? Are you happy with what you've seen or heard about the home?

Whether you're looking at privately owned homes or those run by charities, your best bet is to consult the Quality Care Commission website (www.cqc.org.uk), where you can read advice, search a directory and swot up on inspection reports.

Alternatively, sheltered housing (smaller, easy-to-manage homes, where quite often a 24-hour warden lives on site) might appeal. Find out more at www.ageuk.org.uk/home-and-care/thinking-about-your-options/sheltered-housing/

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Wheels meet again on classic tour

■THE 18th Hardy Country Classic Tour took place earlier this month, raising funds for the Weldmar Hospicecare Trust. Pictured are chairman Carle Grahame and vice-chair Nick Joslin

■WELDMAR volunteer Pat Scarlett waves the cars off

■MAYOR Susi Hosford and consort Tony

Rotary concert

A CONCERT to benefit the Rotary Eye Project is being held in St Mary's Church, Dorchester this evening, Wednesday, June 14th.

The event will feature the Casterbridge Male Voice Choir, with soloists, and starts at 7.30pm. It is being organised by the Rotary Club of Dorchester in aid of The Rotary Guildford Eye Project.

Tickets are £7.50 – to include light refreshments, available from Rotary club members or Nicoll World travel, High East Street.

Summer event

CHICKERELL Primary Academy holds its summer fair on Saturday, June 17th, from 11am until 2pm.

Traditional stalls and games will be available, with entertainment from the Festus Derriman Morris side and Poppinz Parties. Refreshment, a barbecue, a raffle and competitions will also feature.

Funfair date

YOUNGSTERS with additional needs are being invited to a free funfair session in conjunction with Dorchester Carnival and Wynn's funfair this Friday, June 16th, from 10am.

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You **CAN** make a difference – send a comment to the District Council, but **do it now!** The deadline has been extended to this **Friday – 16th June**. Remember - once St Michael's is built over, it's lost forever.

You only have until this Friday - June 16th !

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Family celebration of the travelling life

■ MARK Bartlett with family photos

■ THE Budden family in the 1920s

THE days of Gypsy families roaming the countryside may have long gone but a handful of Dorset families are still keeping many of the traditions alive.

An event to dispel some of the myths about Gypsy, Roma and travelling people was held in Dorchester's Borough Gardens on Saturday.

The event was also about challenging prejudice and stereotypes and amongst the stalls, to spread the message, was the Dorset Racial Equality Council.

"It's a way of life which is almost impossible these days, but our traditions are still important to us," said Mark Bartlett as he pinned up a display of old family photos, amongst them photographs of relatives with traditional horse and waggon dating back to the 1920s.

Mark himself carries on some of the traditions by building caravans, although these days they are designed to be pulled by car, rather than horse. Alongside him was Leon Rawlings, from Preston Down, teaching his son, Levi, six, the skills of making wooden clothes pegs.

One of the first things you notice is that while most of us would hold the hazel stick and move the knife to peel the bark, Leon does the opposite. The knife stays still and the stick is moved.

"It's much safer, you've got more control," he says, explaining that if willow, another traditional clothes peg wood, was used instead, you probably wouldn't need the knife.

"You can peel the bark with your hands," said Leon, who was taught the skills by his parents. "They used to make just about anything, including baskets and beehives."

■ DAVID Rawlings and his mandolin

■ LEON Rawlings and son, Levi, six

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TOP STEPS TO PLANTING LAST-MINUTE PATIO POTS THIS SUMMER

by Hannah Stephenson, Press Association

• **Make sure plants have good drainage**

Line the base of pots with drainage holes with crocks (bits of broken pot) or some other material, which will allow free drainage because most patio plants won't enjoy sitting in water and wet roots. I usually use the polystyrene I bought the bedding plants in because it's lighter than crocks if you are going to be moving the pots around. Then fill the pot with multi-purpose compost to around three-quarters full, adding water-retaining crystals to the mix.

• **Structure your display**

Put your main plant in first, which should be taller than the trailers which go around it and will spill over the side of the pot. The tall plant will form the framework for the rest of the display. Fill around the edges with smaller plants such as trailing lobelia, bacopa and verbena, adding compost as you go. Often people will use a miniature conifer as the tall aspect of the display, but you can just as easily use upright geraniums or osteospermums in smaller containers or more exotic plants like spiky cordylines or exotic-looking cannas if you have bigger pots and want a more tropical-looking display.

• **Keep them well watered**

Water newly-planted plants in well. If it's dry, you will need to water the plants every day and in prolonged dry spells, twice a day. Do it early morning or at dusk to reduce evaporation. Remember that the smaller the pot you use, the more watering the plants will need because there will be limited compost to retain moisture. Go for the largest pots you have to help avoid being a slave to the watering can or hosepipe.

GREEN THUMB

IF YOUR garden is looking like it might need a little bit of love as the peak of summer draws closer and you're worried you may have missed the boat in terms of creating a grassy haven upon which to enjoy the summer, fear not - there are plenty of simple jobs you can do to breathe some life back into your lawn and garden.

Although our British climate continues to be indecisive, we have seen some of the hottest days of 2017 in May so far, so it is important to keep your lawn and plants well hydrated – but don't forget to be water wise – use recycled water where possible.

Key jobs for July

• Unless there is a drought, regular mowing is a must, but remember that lawn growth slows through July, so raise the cutting height of your mower to 25mm (2") as the month moves on.

• Keep your borders looking glorious; tackle weeds that are thriving in the sunshine by hoeing them out of the soil as soon as they emerge and deadhead bedding plants to ensure continuous flowering throughout the summer.

• Move plants from the conservatory outside, but remember to keep them watered.

• While the weather is dry, get outside and give any woodwork a lick of paint or preserver.

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HOW TO LOOK AFTER YOUR LAWN IN SUMMER

by Hannah Stephenson, Press Association

SUMMER is the time when your lawn gets a hammering - from kids, garden party guests and pets. So, when the heat is on, how do you keep your grass looking great?

• Maintenance

This spring has been dry and cool and we are now into summer - now is not a good time to be doing much in the way of the aeration and scarification. Cut your lawn correctly by not mowing below 25mm in summer.

• Watering

Adapt your watering schedule to the weather. If you do not water the grass, it will dehydrate and a weak lawn will leave an opportunity for weeds and all the wrong types of grass to germinate and grow in it. Water using a sprinkler, moving it about the lawn from place to place leaving it in each area for approximately 10 minutes but no longer. Some people soak it once a week but we find it best to start watering before the soil dries out. If the lawn has slight tinges of brown, then get watering now.

• Mowing

The most common mistakes concern cutting height and when not to cut. When cutting in spring, keep the height at not less than 25mm (1in). In warmer, drier periods raise the height of the cut to 40mm (1.5in), but if it remains really dry and watering is difficult, then up to 50mm (2in). When the grass is not growing and is becoming brittle, do not cut it. If the lawn has become dry, watering is essential if you want to keep it looking good and you may have to increase your watering program to recover the lawn. Only when you start to see the lawn recover, is it time to restart cutting again.

• Treatments

These should be nutrition-based and applied at both the start and towards the end of the summer. By applying an early and late summer treatment, each plant in your lawn will be strengthened to withstand warm conditions and will ensure a healthy and vibrant green coloured lawn for you to enjoy on long summer days.

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GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT

Watering vegetables

THE watering season has begun in earnest and vegetables will need much of your time. Water them in the evening, when the sun has gone down, to minimise evaporation. If the ground is already really dry, sprinkle the surface before doing the proper watering a few minutes later, once the sprinkled water has penetrated. The first dampening wets the surface and reduces water lost from surface run-off. Obviously, water is all-important to crops, but there are certain vegetables which you shouldn't over-water or they will underperform. Once established, unless there's a drought, root vegetables such as beetroot and carrot should not be watered, along with perennial crops such as asparagus and globe artichoke. Their roots should go down deep into the soil and will find available moisture.

However, you must water all newly planted and sown vegetables for a few weeks until they are established, and those grown in containers, daily, if necessary. Beans, courgettes and tomatoes all need watering regularly. Make sure you water tomatoes daily when the fruit is swelling. If you leave it a few days and then soak them, you may find that the base of the fruits split and then you'll lose them.

WHAT TO DO THIS WEEK

by Hannah Stephenson, Press Association

- Lift forget-me-nots which have not been used in spring bedding schemes and reset them in a spare corner of the garden.
- Pinch out young fruit growth on trained fruit trees at the fourth leaf. Leave the leading growth at the end of each stem.
- Make more sowings of carrots, turnips, beet, lettuce and ridge cucumbers.
- Continue to hoe between plants and apply and refresh mulches to discourage weeds.
- Place collars round stems of summer cabbage to discourage cabbage root fly.
- Plant out runner beans raised under glass.
- Harden off aubergines, marrow, peppers, pumpkins and tomatoes grown from seed before planting outside.
- Prune deciduous spring-flowering shrubs over three years old as they finish flowering.
- Raise new plants of deciduous azaleas, magnolias and other shrubs by layering low-growing shoots of young growth to soil level. Keep soil round shoots layered earlier in the year constantly moist.

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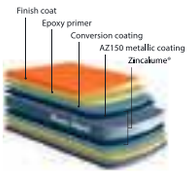

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■ DORSET NEON, a charity initiative to help children and adults living with disabilities, comes to Weymouth later this year

Bright idea to help those in need

A NIGHT time neon event is being held in Weymouth's Lodmoor Country Park later this year to raise money for the charity, Diverse Abilities.

The Saturday, September 23rd event will see those who sign up walk, run, dance or skip around the 5k route.

Each entrant will be provided with glow sticks, bracelets and neon paint to help light up the night and glow as they go.

The Dorset Neon event will raise money for the charity which supports children and adults living with disabilities. It will be open to anyone over the age of 12 and participants will also receive an event T-shirt with their neon bling.

On the night, there will be music as the runners and walkers register with a warm-up with Weymouth clubbercise instructor Leah, just before setting off to light up the night along the 5k route.

Ashley Weedon, fundraising manager at Diverse Abilities, said: "Following the extremely successful Dorset Neon Run in Poole Park, we are very excited for our first one to take place in Lodmoor Country Park. We are encouraging local people to sign up, grab their headtorches and neon bling to light up the night while supporting many children and adults living with disabilities in Dorset. It doesn't matter if you're not a runner, the aim is to have fun and go at your own speed – and if that means walking that's good with us."

Registration for the event is £15 if booking before July 23rd and £20 thereafter. To take part in the Dorset Neon Run or learn more about the evening, please visit *www.dorset-neonrun.com*.

Ashley added: "It is going to be a really fun event with plenty of food stands and refreshments for runners and supporters alike, so please do bring all your friends and family along for a fantastic evening."

To find out more about Diverse Abilities please visit the website *www.diverseabilities.org.uk* or call 01202 718266.

The charity was founded in 1955 by Mrs Phyllis Edwards, who formed a group of parents intent on providing better opportunities for their children with physical and learning disabilities. The charity has now grown to support over 700 children and adults in the county.

It provides a range of assistance, support and education services for young people aged from two to 19, adults with disabilities, and their families through its children's team, adult services, Langside School and an advice team.

Food advice

A FRIENDLY food session is being held at the Acland Road Day Centre in Dorchester this evening, Wednesday June 14th.

The first of six workshops will encourage and help people to make cheap, nutritious meals at low cost.

Volunteer Centre Dorset is staging the events with funding and support from the Tesco's Bags of Help programme.

The sessions take place between 5.30pm and 7.30pm.

Deputy volunteer centre manager Craig Womble said: "The workshops are part of the programme to support those who want to both get more from low cost food, and ensure what they are eating is nutritious. Volunteers will be able to eat what they cook or take it away. Whilst we are prioritising those in receipt of benefits we are open to all."

Those interested in joining can contact The Volunteer Centre on 01305 269214.

...and benefits

A FREE benefits advice session is being held in Dorchester next week.

The event, at Age UK in Prince of Wales Road, takes place between 9am and 12.30pm on Thursday, June 22nd. To make an appointment, please contact Age UK Dorchester on 01305 269444 or at Rowan Cottage, 4 Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester DT1 1PW *www.ageuk.org.uk/dorchester*

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A beautiful idea to help hospicecare

DORCHESTER'S House of Health and Beauty is celebrating 20 beautiful years in business by hosting a variety of events to support Weldmar Hospicecare.

The Trinity Street business is creating a new loyalty card for Weldmar patients and families.

The card will be administered by Jo Sharkey, Weldmar's Children's Support Worker, who will give the 20 per cent off discount cards to Weldmar patients and families who may benefit from a treatment at the House of Health and Beauty.

Jo said: "It is vital to recognise and work holistically with the whole family, as each person has individual needs at different times and different stages. It will be of great benefit for the adults to have some time for themselves and we are very grateful to Holly and her team."

Holly Aiken, owner of House of Health and Beauty, said: "The relationship with Weldmar is very important to me as my company ethos has always been about the wellbeing of the whole person and not just the beauty side of the business.

"I hope the discount card will help the families of patients at Weldmar by giving them some much needed support. I am very grateful to Clive Garman at Sherrens for donating the print of the 100 loyalty cards and also to Inked Engine who kindly designed the card for me."

■ HOLLY Aiken of House of Health and Beauty pictured with Clive Garman of Sherrens Printers, who donated loyalty card printing

Cheers! Rotarians end year in style

POUNDBURY Rotary Club will be celebrating the end of the Rotary year by holding a new and exciting event to honour the retiring club president, Helen Horsley.

The Wine Trail is an event based on Poundbury on the evening of June 23rd, with a maximum attendance of 60 people.

On the night, there will be four teams of 15, who will meet and start at one location, and then be given four places to walk to on Poundbury. At each location there will be a selection of wines to taste, with nibbles to match. Then during the evening every group will move from one location to the next, thus visiting several country's wines at a leisurely pace. Everyone taking part will be able to try wines from France, Italy and other countries in one evening, and all will end up at one location to conclude the evening in style.

The event costs £20 and booking is needed. Although it is not aimed at being a fund-rainsing event any profits will be put into the club's charity. To book a place, contact Kath Ayres, on *kaay01@handlesbanken.co.uk*

Cheers! Real ale guide launched

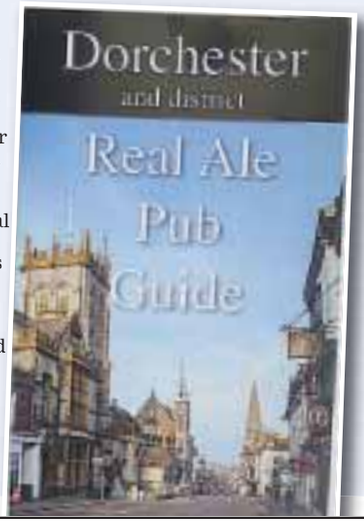
CAMPAIGN For Real Ale members have produced a Real Ale Pub Guide to Dorchester and district.

The A4 leaflet lists 16 pubs and bars in the town itself, with a brief guide to each, with a similar number listed in villages nearby.

It also features a map with the location of each establishment.

West Dorset Campaign For Real Ale spokesman Rich Gabe said: "This guide is the first in a series of guides which are free to tourists and locals alike. Hopefully it will guide people to pubs they may have never visited and boost the local economy."

The guide can be found in the Tourist Information Centre within the library, at Dorchester museums, cafes, retailers and other places of interest.



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PCC Marytn Underhill discusses Police and Crime Plan

DORSET Police and Crime Commissioner Martyn Underhill writes about National Volunteers' Week, as well as the content of the new Police and Crime Plan and forthcoming summer engagement events.

AS PART of National Volunteers' Week, I was lucky to spend time discussing the new Police and Crime Plan with a group of our fantastic volunteers.

I have always referred to the fact that one in 10 people in Dorset volunteer as a humbling statistic, a figure that increased significantly during the 'Olympic Surge' in Weymouth in 2012.

Dorset people should be proud of what they do to help others; whether it is in policing, charity work or other public services, they really do make a difference.

Inside policing, every year, selfless individuals donate thousands of hours of their time.

Countless community schemes would not operate, views would not be collected and police operations would not be possible without the commitment of our volunteers.

As I look ahead to the busy summer events – one of the most important consultation periods of the year – I feel reassured that I will have a team of dedicated volunteers beside me who understand the importance of hearing the views of Dorset residents.

Throughout the year, I am truly humbled by the passion that my volunteers demonstrate and am well aware that the invaluable consultation we do with the public would not be as thorough and effective if we could not call on our volunteers.

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In the past, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner panel volunteers have helped us take decisions on how best to allocate funding via community grants to many valuable charities and community groups throughout Dorset.

Though the commissioning process is changing, their expertise will be drawn on for other activity and I am excited to explore new ways of working together.

When it comes to creating new policy in relation to policing and community safety, we will regularly be consulting with our volunteers who provide a fantastic source of local knowledge and experience.

Public contact of this sort really helps us to maintain a police service that is in touch with local needs, views and concerns.

It is vitally important that Dorset Police continues to be an accessible, open and responsive force and volunteers are integral to achieving this.

If you would like to find out more about our volunteering opportunities, including details of how to register your interest, please visit www.dorset.police.uk/recruitment/volunteers/

To all the Dorset Police and OPCC volunteers: I would like to extend my sincere thanks for your on-going commitment to the safety of communities in Dorset.

PCC Martyn Underhill (second from left) at one of his engagement events

Get checked: it's Cervical Cancer Awareness Week – June 12th-18th

YOUNG women in Dorset are being urged to go for screenings during Cervical Cancer Awareness Week, which runs from June 12th to June 18th.

Clinicians report that everyday nine women in the UK are diagnosed with cervical cancer – the most common cancer in women under 35 – and three will lose their lives.

During the week, which aims to raise awareness of cervical cancer and how it can be prevented, women are being told to not let embarrassment prevent them from attending cancer screenings.

Thanks to cervical screening and the HPV vaccination programme, cervical cancer is largely preventable, however, one in four women don't attend their cervical screening appointments, particularly woman aged between 25 and 29.

Dr Karen Kirkham, local GP and assistant clinical chair at Dorset CCG, said: "It is really important that women make the time to take up their screening appointments.

"It is the most important active step you can take to avoid developing cervical cancer.

"The test is very simple, only takes about five minutes, and usually performed by an experienced practice nurse at your GP surgery.

"Being screened regularly means that any abnormal cells of the cervix can be identified at an early stage and, if necessary, treated to stop cancer developing. It is a preventative measure that could save your life.

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Facts about Father's Day

1) Father's Day was first thought up by American Sonora Smart Dodd who wanted to honour her father, a war veteran and single parent, who raised his six children. The first recognised Father's Day was celebrated on June 19th, 1910.

2) Unlike Mother's Day, Father's Day was originally met with laughter. It was the target of much satire, parody and derision with a local newspaper complaining that it would lead to mindless promotions such as 'National Clean Your Desk Day'.

3) The first American president to support the concept of Father's day was President Calvin Coolidge, who did so in 1924… but it wasn't until in the year 1966 that President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation that resulted in the declaration of the third Sunday of June as Father's Day.

4) Father's Day is the fifth-largest card-sending holiday, according the greetings card makers Hallmark. Approximately seven million Father's Day cards are sent each year across the UK, compared with 13 million Mother's Day cards.

5) In Germany, Father's Day is celebrated differently from other parts of the world. Männertag (Men's day) is celebrated by getting drunk with wagons of beer and indulging in regional food. Police and emergency services are on high alert during the day!

6) If you are thinking of going for a floral gift, traditionally fathers should be given the gift of white or red roses. The rose is the official flower for Father's Day. Wearing a red rose signifies a living father, while a white one represents deceased father.

7) The most popular Father's Day present – perhaps unsurprisingly – is a tie.

8) Although there is no evidence of its origin, it is believed that the word "Dad" dates back to as early as the sixteenth century. It is said to come from the first syllables uttered by babies 'pa' plus the kinship suffix 'ter' – accounting for the latin 'Pater', the Spanish 'Padre' and the French 'Pere'.

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Don't worry there's plenty for mum and the kids to do too; why not visit the Museum or enjoy a pit stop in Café 750 – from delicious snacks to fully loaded lunches. Not just another track day experience..... the 30 minute driving experiences offer great value option for getting behind the wheel of some amazing sport cars & supercars, on real roads! On a route of mixed roads so you can see how each car performs on the road, free from crash helmets, and get time to actually know the car rather than a quick blast round some cones on a barren airfield!. The pre-planned route will last approximately 15-20 minutes, with a 5 minute briefing before leaving, and 5 minutes at the end for photographs. There's no other experience like it! Normal admission prices apply on the day if you wish to visit the Museum. Check out the website for more details – www.himm.co.uk

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Hilarious outdoor production of Twelfth Night comes to Dorchester this summer

THE FIRST in our series of outdoor theatre, Rain or Shine Theatre Company are set to delight family audiences his summer with their production of Shakespeare's cross-gartered and hilarious cross-dressing comedy Twelfth Night, as they 'transport' you to a land where nothing is quite what it seems.

Widely acclaimed for their magical open air productions, Rain or Shine are sure to delight family audiences from 6 to 96, this is an ideal choice for an outdoor theatrical event, bringing classical theatre to Maumbury Rings, Dorchester on Sunday 25 June at 7pm (refreshments from 6pm).

"What country, friends, is this?" Have you ever found yourself in yourself in a strange place, surrounded by strange people, taking extraordinary measures to find your way? That's the situation Viola finds herself in when, shipwrecked and separated from her brother, she sets foot upon Illyria's sandy shore. Lost and alone, she disguises herself as a man and sets forth.

Before long, chaos ensues as mistaken identity, love, pride and alcohol set a host of much loved characters on a series of hilarious adventures. Hopeless romantics, drunken knights, a pompous steward and fools galore abound in one of Mr. William Shakespeare's most celebrated comedies. "If music be the food of love, play on!"

Don't forget to bring along low-backed seating or rugs, and a picnic to maximise enjoyment of the al fresco performances.

Tickets are £12 full price or £10 for Members of Dorchester Arts, under-18s or those on low income or £35 for a family ticket (max. 2 adults) and are available from the Dorchester Arts box office on 01305 266926, in person at the Corn Exchange (weekdays 10am - 4pm) or via the website at www.dorchester-arts.org.uk.

World-class ballet matinee

IF YOU like ballet but prefer day time performances, Bridport Arts Centre is offering a treat! As well as performing on Friday evening, Ballet Central are performing on Saturday, June 24th at 2pm.

The ballet features young and dynamic dancers who are on the cusp of their professional careers, showcasing newly-commissioned works and celebrated masterpieces by the dance industry's top choreographers.

This year's tour features Act 2 of Highland Fling by Matthew Bourne, Indigo Children by Royal Ballet artist-in-residence Liam Scarlett, and a new version of the ballroom scene from Romeo & Juliet by former English National Ballet's Jenna Lee. It also includes specially created works by Christopher Bruce and Malgorzata Dzierzon, as well as excerpts from Petipa's La Bayadere. The tour will also feature a scene from Dracula, choreographed by Michael Pink from the original production directed by Christopher Gable in 1996.

It's a family friendly show and it's perfect for dance enthusiasts as well as those new to ballet.

The Arts Centre cafe will be serving a delicious selection of food before the show.

Tickets are £13 and £11, available by calling 01308 424204 or online at the website www.bridport-arts.com

Classical summer concert

THE Bridport Chamber Orchestra is expanding its forces for a full-scale classical concert on Sunday, June 18th at the Sir John Colfox Academy in Bridport. Stephen Marquiss, a professional pianist, accompanist and teacher based in the South West will be performing Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3; the other works will be Mozart's "Paris" Symphony and Symphony No. 4 by J C Bach. The orchestra is delighted to have the opportunity to play with Stephen, whose career has included headlining with soprano Belinda Evans at the Birmingham Symphony Hall and outdoor Picnic in the Park events, and solo recitals both in the UK and abroad. Stephen has also had a long-standing interest in piano method and teaching and has created Piano Portals, a holistic approach to piano technique.

The concert starts at 3 pm and will be followed by drinks and nibbles, which are included in the ticket price of £10 (children free entry). Tickets can be bought in advance from the Bridport Music Centre or on the door. Further information: 01935 824786.

■ Stephen Marquiss

The Bridport Chamber Orchestra

Conductor: Arturo Serna
Leader: Alexandra Ennis

Summer Concert

THE SIR JOHN COLFOX ACADEMY, BRIDPORT

SUNDAY 18th June at 3 pm

Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 3
- Soloist: Stephen Marquiss -
Mozart "Paris" Symphony No. 31 in D
JC Bach Symphony No. 4 in D major

Tickets £10 from the Bridport Music Centre and on the door. Student admission free. Refreshments available after the concert. Registered Charity No XT13407

VIEW2

Your guide to local live music

TRANSMISSION

Live Gigs

Friday 16 June
Village Hall, Evershot
Bhundu Rise Kagona and the Jit Jive Band
£10 door / £8 adv. 8pm

Saturday 17 June
Spice Centre, Dorchester
Bernardo plays continental guitar
8pm. Free entry

Nag's Head, Lyme Regis
The Relics

Crown Inn, Bridport
The Mighty Fine
9.30pm

Sunday 18 June
Crown Inn, Bridport
Adam Sweet 4pm

Nag's Head, Lyme Regis
Man Down Band
4pm

TOP 10

Top Ten Artist Sales of Preloved Vinyl for week ending Saturday, June 10th compiled by Clocktower Music Bridport

1. The Beatles
2. ELO
3. Thin Lizzy
4. Patti Smith
5. Talk Talk
6. Spirit
7. U2
8. Muddy Waters
9. Bunny Wailer
10. The Rolling Stones

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Sax Maestro Jade Gall in Lyme Regis

JADE GALL is a classically trained saxophonist who has studied both at Dartington and the Royal Welsh College of Music. She has also rapidly become the go-to choice for jazz, swing, soul and ska bands throughout Devon, including 'The Simmertones' who had many plays on BBC Radio 2 with their single 'Perhaps' which features Doris Day, and 'Michael Campari and the Solar System' with whom she played at Glastonbury Festival. She will be focusing on the jazz in the intimate surroundings of the Marine Theatre Bar on Sunday 18 June, accompanied by Philip Clouts at the piano.

Jade started her love for music off at a young age as a flautist before venturing on to the tenor saxophone at age 13. She went on to study at Dartington College of Arts as an undergraduate where she gained a BA(hons) in Music (professional practice). During her time at Dartington, she continued her jazz studies privately with jazz saxophonist Martin Dale, who was the first person to introduce her to the wonderful world of jazz improvisation. She later went on to study the saxophone at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama where she studied under saxophonists Lara James and Gerard McChrystal. She graduated as a Master of Arts in music performance in 2013.

Jade is a member of acclaimed ska band The Simmertones, who regularly perform across the country to sell out crowds, including many prestigious events such as the London International Ska Festival and Boomtown Fair. You can hear Jade playing flute on their latest single 'Run For Your Life'.

Although Jade can be seen performing in many horn sections across the country, she is still strongly involved with her classical roots. She has been a regular performing at the Dartmouth Music Festival and Calstock Arts, as well as performing during part of the Welsh Proms where she premiered Marianna Filippi's 'Meandering Impressions: A Love Poem' for tenor saxophone and piano.

■ Jade Gall

Jade regularly performs on the South West scene and beyond, performing as a guest artist or with her own quintet. She is also privileged to perform across the UK with London-based touring companies the 'Magic of Motown Show' and the 'Soul Legends Show'. She has also performed with the Swing Machine Jazz Orchestra with artists such as singer Clare Teal, pianist Jason Rebello and composer Duncan Lamont.

Jade Gall plays Jazz in the Bar at the Marine Theatre on Sunday, June 18th at 8pm. Tickets are £12/£10 available by calling 01297 442138 or online at www.marinetheatre.com

■ Stompin' Dave

Stompin' back onto the Dorchester stage

STOMPIN' Dave Allen returns to Dorchester Arts for a solo concert at Dorchester Corn Exchange that will showcase a diverse range of American roots. The concert on Thursday, June 29th, will include blues, bluegrass, country, folk, rock n roll, and old time music.

He's been described by Maverick Magazine as "one of the world's greatest performers" and by Blues In Britain as "a downright genius." Bridport based Stompin' Dave is a vocalist, multi instrumentalist and dancer. He sings and plays guitar, banjo, fiddle, harmonica, piano and tap dances in an old-time, flat footing style.

With twenty five years of performing experience Dave has worked exclusively as a musician and performed across the UK and beyond including major festivals such as Glastonbury, Bestival, and Camp Bestival, etc.

> **Stompin' Dave is a master of all kinds of American roots... a formidable musician and a true original."**
> *The Daily Telegraph*

A former member of former UK blues band of the year The Producers, Stompin' Dave was nominated for a British Blues Award in the acoustic act category 2014. Winner of the FOAOTMAD old time banjo competition 2011 and 2013.

Dave has performed many concerts alongside touring musicians from the USA including the legendary Whitetop Mountain Band from Virginia, W.C. Handy award winner Guy Davis, International Bluegrass Achievement award winner Alice Gerrard as well as many others.

Although Dave mainly performs solo he does from time to time perform as a duo with a variety of friends and with various bands including top rock n roll artist Earl Jackson, and London's finest hoedown band Cut A Shine. As well as fronting with his own bands Stompin' Dave and His Bluegrass Band, Stompin' Dave's Electric Band and Stompin' Dave's Blues3.

Recently Dave has began performing regularly in a duo alongside London based Sam Kelly who has been voted into Blues In Britain magazine Gallery of the Greats as a five times winner of the Blues In Britain UK Drummer of the Year award.

Dave has been billed as a headline act at festivals, these have included the Cornwall Folk Festival, National Banjo Day and the Tolpuddle Martyrs Festival. He has made several visits to the USA including competing in the US national bluegrass banjo, and international flat-picking guitar contests.

Last summer Dave was invited by world renowned rock guitarist Jeff Beck to perform at his new album showcase.

Tickets available from Dorchester Arts 01305 266926 are £10, £8 for members and concessions. Online tickets available from www.dorchesterarts.org.uk the doors open at 7.30pm the music starts at 8pm.

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Michelangelo - Love and Death on Screen at Bridport Arts Centre

EXPLORE the life and work of renowned sculptor, painter, architect and poet Michelangelo though an exciting Exhibition on Screen documentary at Bridport Arts Centre.

Michelangelo - Love and Death offers a cinematic journey through the great chapels and museums of Florence, Rome and the Vatican, to the print and drawing rooms of Europe, to explore Michelangelo's tempestuous life. The film goes in search of a greater understanding of this charismatic and enigmatic figure, both through his relationships with his contemporaries and his ongoing artistic legacy.

The film invites audiences to intimately examine Michelangelo's art and artistic process - from the Carrara quarries where Michelangelo sourced his marble, to the new technology being used to attribute works. e film also offers a rare chance to get up close to the mesmerising Rothschild Bronzes, which, following an extensive research project carried out by Academics in Cambridge in 2015, were positively attributed to Michelangelo after over a century of debate.

Key contributors to the film include art critics Martin Gayford and Jonathan Jones, Deputy Director of the Vatican Museums Professor Arnold Nesselrath and contemporary artist Tania Kovats.

Filming locations include Casa Buonarroti in Florence, Carrara marble mines, the Medici Chapel and the Vatican. ese beautiful locations, combined with high-resolution views of Michelangelo's greatest works, convene to create a staggering visual experience.

Michelangelo - Love and Death 20 will be shown at Bridport Arts Centre on Tuesday, June 20th at 7.30pm. For more details or to book call 01308 424204 or visit the website at www.bridport-arts.com

12 Million Volts packs a punch

THE OUTBOUND PROJECT comes to the Marine Theatre next week with an exciting stage show that combines science, storytelling and physical and visual theatre.

The award-winning company tells the story and achievements of the inventor Nikola Tesla in 12 Million Volts - a performance using holograms (sort of), pigeons with laser coming out of their eyes (use your imagination) and more lighting tricks that they can afford batteries to perform.

The Outbound Project promises to show you the many reasons why they think Tesla is a legend, Edison is an overrated thief, and the American dream could have been so much more.

12 Million Volts will be packing a punch at the Marine Theatre on Wednesday 21st and Thursday, June 22nd at 8pm.

Book online at www.marinetheatre.com or call the box office on 01297 442138.

Phoenix Nice

PHOENIX Nights actress and comedian Janice Connolly hits the Marine Theatre's stage on Saturday night with the Edinburgh Fringe's favourite housewife Barbara Nice.

In this new, playful and life-affirming show about chance and luck Barbara guarantees to put a smile on your face and a spring in your step. You even get a complimentary raffle ticket.

Barbara Nice: Raffle is at the Marine Theatre on Saturday, June 17th at 8pm. Book online at www.marinetheatre.com or phone the box office on 01297 442138.

Comedian of the Year to headline Bridport Comedy Café

ENGLISH Comedian of the Year Josh Pugh will headline the latest Comedy Cafe show at the Bridport Arts Centre next week.

Josh Pugh (pictured right) is one of the most exciting new talents in stand up today and is rapidly ascending the comedy ladder to undoubted super stardom since winning English Comedian of the Year in 2016. With confident and clever writing that takes you off on glorious tangents, Josh has a unique, interesting and funny voice and a very promising future and having just returned form a tour of Australian Comedy festivals Josh is now better than ever.

Opening the show will be the delightfully deadpan Wayne Beese, a master of audience interaction and wringing every last laugh from his dour demeanour. Completing the line up will be another rising star in Liam Pickford, described as a cross between Jack Dee and Morrissey.

Liam is currently working on his second solo show which he debuted at the Nottingham Comedy Festival earlier this year.

Regular compere Tom Glover will host the show and share his latest musings on westcountry life.

The BAC Comedy Cafe will be at 8pm on Wednesday, June 21st. Tickets are £8 adults/£6 concessions and available from the arts centre box office on 01308 424204 or online at www.bridport-arts.com

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THE BIG SCREEN

This week's releases

CHURCHILL PG
A TICKING-CLOCK thriller following Winston Churchill in the 96 hours before D-Day.
Stars Brian Cox, Miranda Richardson and John Slattery.

GIFTED 12A
FRANK, a single man raising his child prodigy niece Mary, is drawn into a custody battle with his mother.
Stars Chris Evans, McKenna Grace and Lindsay Duncan.

ROCK DOG PG
WHEN a radio falls from the sky into the hands of a wide-eyed Tibetan Mastiff, he leaves home to fulfill his dream of becoming a musician, setting into motion a series of completely unexpected events.
Stars Luke Wilson, Eddie Izzard and JK Simmons.

Cinema Listings

(all listings subject to change)

Fri, June 16th to Thu, June 22nd

DORCHESTER PLAZA
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Churchill PG
Fri, Mon-Wed: 12.45, 15.15, 20.45
Sat & Sun: 18.15, 21.00
Thu: 13.45, 15.15, 20.45
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul U
Sat & Sun: 10.00, 12.30, 15.00
My Cousin Rachel 12A
Fri: 15.00, 17.45
Sat & Sun: 17.30
Mon-Wed: 12.30, 17.45
Thu: 12.30
Pirates of the Caribbean: Salazar's Revenge 12A
Fri-Wed: 20.30, Thu: 17.45
Rock Dog PG
Fri: 12.30, 18.00
Sat: 10.30, 13.00, 15.45
Mon-Wed: 15.30, 18.00
Thu: 12.00, 17.30
The Mummy 12A
Fri, Mon-Wed: 14.00, 17.15, 20.15
Sat: 10.45, 14.00, 17.15, 20.15
Sun: 11.15, 14.00, 17.00, 20.00
Thu: 13.00, 16.00
Wonder Woman 12A
Fri, Mon-Wed: 13.15, 16.45, 20.00
Sat & Sun: 10.15, 13.30, 17.00, 20.15
Thu: 14.15, 20.00

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Baywatch 15
Fri-Wed: 20.30
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul PG
Sat & Sun: 10.15, 12.15
Pirates of the Caribbean: Salazar's Revenge 12A
Fri-Mon, Wed: 14.30, 17.30
Thu: 1430, 17.30
The Lego Batman Movie U
Sat & Sun: 10.00am
The Mummy 15
Fri-Mon, Wed: 15.15, 18.00, 20.45
Plus Sat & Sun: 12.30
Tue: 12.30, 15.15, 18.00, 20.45
Thu: 17.30
The Time of Their Lives 12A
Tue: 11.00am, Thu: 14.00
Transformers: The Last Knight TBC
Thu: 13.30, 17.00, 20.30
Wonder Woman 12A
Fri-Wed: 13.45, 17.00, 20.15
Plus Sat & Sun: 10.30am
Thu: 11.45, 15.00, 20.15

MARINE THEATRE
Tel: 01297 442138
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The Lego Batman Movie U
Sun: 12.00 (doors 11am)

BRIDPORT ARTS CENTRE
Tel: 01308 424204
www.bridport-arts.com

Lost In France 15
Sun: 19.30
Toni Erdmann 15
Thu: 19.30

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Baywatch 15
Fri-Wed: 12.40, 15.20, 18.00, 20.40, Thu: 16.10
Churchill PG
Fri, Mon-Wed: 12.30, 15.00, 17.30, 20.00
Sat-Sun: 15.00, 17.30, 20.00
Thu: 13.00, 15.30, 18.00, 20.30
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul PG
Fri, Mon, Wed: 12.30, 14.50, 17.10
Sat: 10.10, 12.30, 14.50, 17.10
Sun: 10.10, 12.30, 15.15, 17.30
Tue: 13.00, 15.15, 17.30
Gifted 12A
Fri, Mon, Wed, Thu: 12.40, 15.10, 17.40, 20.10
Sat-Sun: 10.10, 12.40, 15.10, 17.40, 20.10
Tue: 12.40, 15.10, 17.40, 20.10
My Cousin Rachel 12A
Fri, Mon, Wed: 12.50, 15.20, 17.50, 20.20
Sat: 15.20, 17.50, 20.20
Sun: 18.15, 20.45
Tue: 12.50, 15.20, 17.50, 20.20
Thu: 13.30
Pirates of the Caribbean: Salazar's Revenge 2D 12A
Fri, Mon-Thu: 13.40, 16.40, 19.40
Sat: 10.40, 13.40, 16.40, 19.40
Sun: 13.30, 16.30, 19.45
The Boss Baby U
Sat & Sun: 10.20, 12.50
The Mummy 2D 15
Fri, Mon-Wed: 13.00, 14.30, 17.10, 18.20, 19.50, 21.00
Sat-Sun: 11.50, 13.00, 14.30, 17.10, 18.20, 19.50, 21.00
Thu: 12.40, 15.20, 18.00, 20.40
Transformers: The Last Knight 2D TBC
Thu: 12.30, 13.30, 15.45, 16.45, 19.00, 20.00
Transformers: The Last Knight 3D TBC
Thu: 14.15, 17.30, 20.45
The Mummy 3D 15
Fri-Wed: 15.40
Wonder Woman 2D 12A
Fri, Sat, Wed: 14.10, 17.20, 19.30, 20.30
Sat-Sun: 11.00, 14.10, 17.20, 19.30, 20.30
Tue: 14.10, 17.20, 20.30
Thu: 14.00, 17.10, 20.20

The Big Slimming World Clothes Throw

THE Slimming World Clothes Throw is now in its fifth year and continues to be an incredible success.

The Bridport members of Slimming World have been slimming out of their clothes and donating them to an amazing cause.

Organisers are always looking for ways to include all locals to take part in this event, so this year Becs, Natalie and Sue will be running a donation station for any members and locals to drive down any unwanted items of clothing, shoes, bags or books. Items can be dropped off.

All members have been given purple bags with gift aid forms in meaning they can raise even more if everyone fills in the form.

There are also a limited amount of gold bags hidden, these gold bags have an entry form to enter a prize draw.

The prizes vary from £100 shopping vouchers to afternoon tea with Peter Andre.

If you are having a clear out please drop on by to the Bridport Day Centre, Flood Lane, on Saturday, June 17th, 10am to 12noon - just look out for the red gazebo.

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Diary Dates

UNTIL WEDNESDAY JUNE 21ST

LYME REGIS: Towards the Sea is a joint exhibition between painter Michael Stride whose latest acrylics and watercolours convey the feeling of an anticipated journey to the seaside and Jonathan Bingham with his impressionistic charcoals. Open daily 10.30-4.30. Free admission. The Malthouse Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU

WEDNESDAY JUNE 14TH

MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.

LYME REGIS: U3A Heritage Coast. 'Lichtenberg's Remarkable Figures'. Talk by John Marriage, illustrating the strange and beautiful patterns formed when a pulse of high-voltage electricity passes over the surface of an insulator, and first photographed in the 19th Century. John will also show some of his own 'Lichtenberg' photographs.Woodmead Halls, Hill Road, Lyme Regis DT7 3PG. Coffee/tea from 10.00am, talk at 11.00am. Free for members, suggested donation for talk £2 to non-members. More information about the U3A at website lymeregisu3a.org or phone 01297 444566.

BROADWINDSOR: Low impact dancefit 10.30am. Yogalates 11.30am. At the Comrades Hall, £5 each or block booking discount. Contact 07585 356929.

THURSDAY JUNE 15TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport & District Gardening Club meeting at the Women's Institute Hall, North Street, 7.30pm. Speaker Cherry Barlow on 'The Real Owl Experience'.

BRIDPORT: Millennium Green Annual General Meetings – Trust at 7pm; Friends at 7.30pm, at Mountfield (top of Downes Street/Rax Lane). All welcome, come along and find out about future plans for the green and hill, free refreshments. Contact Sue Wilkinson, 01308 425037 for more details.

FRIDAY JUNE 16TH

MARTINSTOWN: Exercise to Music. Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 426390.

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 426390.

WEYMOUTH: The June speaker for the monthly meeting of S.Dorset Branch of the Somerset & Dorset Family History Society will be Sue Burne. Her talk is entitled "A Flock of Black Sheep." As usual, the meeting will be at St.Aldhelm's, Spa Rd., Weymouth, beginning with tea or coffee at 2pm, followed by the speaker at 2.30pm.

ASKERSWELL: Pilates at the village hall, 9.30am. £6 or block booking discount. For more details call 07585 356929

FRIDAY JUNE 16TH - WEDNESDAY JUNE 28TH

LYME REGIS: Three Interpretations is an exhibition of acrylic and oil portraits, still lifes, landscapes and seascapes by three local artists: Vanessa Smith, Frances Dale and Marion Sawl. Open daily. 10.30am-4.30pm. Free admission. The Courtyard Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU

SATURDAY JUNE 17TH

BEAMINSTER: Summer Bonanza to be held at Mountjoy School, Tunnel Road. Live music, BBQ, raffle, cakes, crafts, games, refreshments etc, plus face painting, and bubble display from Rainbow Gecko.

BRIDPORT: The Slimming World Clothes Throw donation station at Bridport Day Centre, Flood Lane, 10am-12noon. Any unwanted items of clothing, shoes, bags or books welcome to be dropped off. For more details call Becs on 01308 861486

MONDAY JUNE 19TH

BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, North Street. 5.45pm. For more details call 01308 426390.

BOTHENHAMPTON: Pilates, 2pm at the village hall. £6 or block booking discount. For more details call 07585 356929.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 21ST

EYPE, NEAR BRIDPORT: West Dorset Decorative & Fine Arts Society lecture. 'The Walkers and their 17th Century Maps of Essex' speaker Simon Rees. At Highlands End Leisure Centre, 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615.

MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.

BROADWINDSOR: Low impact dancefit 10.30am. Yogalates 11.30am. At the Comrades Hall, £5 each or block booking discount. Contact 07585 356929.

FRIDAY JUNE 23RD

MARTINSTOWN: Exercise to Music. Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 426390.

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 426390.

ASKERSWELL: Pilates at the village hall, 9.30am. £6 or block booking discount. For more details call 07585 356929

FRIDAY JUNE 23RD - WEDNESDAY JULY 5TH

LYME REGIS: Borderline is a visually engaging exhibition of 2D and 3D works by three local artists—Kim Pragnell, Alison Bockh and Zara McQueen--that present challenges to to the accepted meaning of landscape, seascape and sculpture. Open daily 10.30-4.30. Free admission. The Malthouse Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU

SATURDAY JUNE 24TH

UPLYME: 'Songs for a June Evening' at Uplyme Parish Church, 7.30pm. A concert of arias, songs and duets, with Chloe Stratta (soprano), Anna-Marie McLachlan (mezzo-soprano), accompanied by Laurence Panter. Tickets £10 on the door (under 18s free). Pieces by Mozart, Handel, Schumann, Rossini, Bellini and Debussy.

SUNDAY JUNE 25TH

CERNE ABBAS, DORCHESTER: Great British Tea Party and Antiques Valuation. With Paul Atterbury of the Antiques Roadshow. At Minterne House, Minterne Magna, 2-5pm. 50 classic cars, teas, cakes and ice creams, Pimm's tent and many more stalls.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM: Whitchurch in Bloom, 10am-4pm. Followed by Choral evensong 6pm. 5 beautiful gardens for £5 (adults), children free. Tea, coffee and cream teas in the church. 11am and 3pm free tours of the church. Local family history displays and village photos. Climb the bell tower (no under 8s). Browse the Reverend Bartalott's 1890 notebook and the Olde Curiosity Shoppe.

BRIDPORT: Bridport Vintage Market 10am-4pm at St Michael's Trading Estate. Vintage and antiques, food, drink, and music.

MONDAY JUNE 26TH

BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, North Street. 5.45pm. For more details call 01308 426390.

BOTHENHAMPTON: Pilates, 2pm at the village hall. £6 or block booking discount. For more details call 07585 356929.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 28TH

MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.

BROADWINDSOR: Low impact dancefit 10.30am. Yogalates 11.30am. At the Comrades Hall, £5 each or block booking discount. Contact 07585 356929.

DORCHESTER: Evergreens Social Group Old-Time Summer Singalong, with music hall performer Sue Fielder. At Age UK Dorchester, Prince of Wales Road, from 1.45pm to 3.30pm. Admission just £1.50. For more details call 01305 269444.

FRIDAY JUNE 30TH

MARTINSTOWN: Exercise to Music. Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 426390.

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 426390.

DORCHESTER: Taster session in historical dance of the 18th century, 4.30-6pm. At Dorchester Town Hall. No partner needed. £2. Free to people attending evening Ball. 01935 472771 or thedancingmaster@outlook.com.

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ASKERSWELL: Pilates at the village hall, 9.30am. £6 or block booking discount. For more details call 07585 356929

SATURDAY JULY 1ST

LONG BREDY: Bellamont House open to the public, 1-5pm. This is a rare opportunity to view this fascinating gothic revival house and topiary. The house will be open for guided tours and there will be a traditional barn dance from 3pm to 4.30pm, a table top sale, raffle and country teas. The proceeds of the afternoon will be shared between the villages of Littlebredy (recently on Broadchurch) and Long Bredy and a raffle is in aid of the new Radiotherapy Unit in Dorset County Hospital. Entry: Adults £5; Children under 14 years free. Table top sale - 6 foot space £10; if table required £12. For further details 01308 482270 or email longbredyevent@outlook.com.

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Literary Institute line-up full of treats for all at Camp Bestival

■ Jack Rooke

GUARANTEED to be an enclave of enlightenment throughout the weekend, The Literary Institute is Camp Bestival's oasis of inspiration offering insight and entertainment throughout the weekend. Brimming with inviting sofas and cosy armchairs, sit back, relax and feed your mind with everything from Pop Stars & Rocks Stars quizzes to advice on doing what you love this July at Lulworth Castle.

Literary Institute host Jack Rooke says: "The literary line-up is a stonker again! A brilliant mix of enlightening talks, intelligent debate and a great pub quiz... and that's just for the kids!

Adults can expect much the same, but with the Scummy Mummies running After Hour Clubs, I think this year's institute will be roaring with laughter".

As ever, we've got some fantastically exciting talents lined up to quicken the old grey matter with a programme of talks, shows, quizzes & more hosted by Steven Lamb and Jack Rooke, including A Boy Made of Blocks with Keith Stuart, The Scummy Mummies Show, Boys Don't Cry with Bryony Kimmings, Bedtime stories with The Famous Five with readings from Five and a Half-Term Adventure, Five Have a Puzzling Time and A Lazy Afternoon, Pub Quiz for Kids With Patrick Monahan, Sound System: The Political Power of Music with Dave Randall, The Feast Collective Conversations with Elly Pear, Gill Meller, Jo Ingleby & Steven Lamb, The Great Camp Bestival Pop Stars & Rock Stars Quiz with John Harris, plus Morning Mindfulness.

Our hugely popular How To series continues this year with the low down on exactly how to Befriend a Beetle with M.G Leonard, Be an Underwater or Sky Explorer with Andy Torbet, Do What You Love with Laura Rowe, Editor of Olive magazine, Write a Novel from a Beach Hut with Lucy Clarke, Write Your Own Myth with Maz Evans, Free your Face with Lulatastic Hippyshake and Get Kids & Dad To Hit The Healthy Stuff with Beverly Glock.

Plus there will be a celebration of the aesthetic qualities of language with poetry and spoken word at The Satin Lizard Lounge Curated by Scroobius Pip. And make sure to enjoy the tongue in cheek humour and risqué fun of our After Hours Clubs, hosted by the Scummy Mummies including The Literary Ginstitute with Hurrah for Gin & Dress Like a Mum and The Secret Mummies Wine Club with Cherry Healy & Knackered Mother's Wine Club.

Keep on checking www.campbestival.net and their Facebook and Twitter for all the latest info.

Chloe and Anna-Marie's Songs for a June evening

UPLYME PARISH CHURCH will host a concert arias, songs and duets on Saturday, June 24th. 'Songs for a June Evening' will feature the vocal talents of Chloe Stratta (soprano) and Anna-Marie McLachlan (mezzo-soprano), accompanied by Laurence Panter.

Chloe Stratta graduated from the University of Manchester with a first class bachelor of music degree in 2013, and continued her studies subsequently under Ryland Davies and Deborah Rees. She is now studying in London with Colin Baldy.

Whilst at University Chloe was a member of the chamber choir Ad Solem, with whom she performed numerous concerts in the North West, and toured to Italy. She spent a semester abroad studying at the Melbourne Conservatorium, Australia. Alongside her regular performances, Chloe has experience in teaching singing, having taught in three schools in Devon and Dorset, as well as privately.

Over the past few years, Chloe has performed in oratorio, opera and recitals; in particular as a soprano soloist for choral societies in the South West. Her solo concert performances have included Handel's Messiah, Ode for St. Cecilia's Day and Foundling Hospital Anthem; Purcell's *Ode to St. Cecilia*; Mendelssohn's *Elijah*; Brahms' *Ein Deutsches Requiem*; Faure's *Requiem*; Vivaldi's *Gloria*, and *Dixit Dominus*; Mozart's *Coronation Mass* and *Credo Mass*, and Haydn's *Mass in the Time of War* and *Nelson Mass*, the latter in Exeter Cathedral.

Anna Marie McLachlan is a mezzo-soprano and has completed her studies for a Masters in Vocal Performance at Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance, under the tuition of Alison Wells and Robert Bottriell. Whilst there, she participated in the English National Opera Mentor Scheme.

Anna was recently a finalist in the Schubert Song Prize and masterclass with Dame Felicity Lott, for the London Song Festival. She has also performed in masterclasses and workshops with eminent artists such as Simon Keenlyside, Nicholas Kraemer, Teresa Cahill, Eugene Asti and Rosa Mannion.

Solo performances include solos in Vivaldi's *Gloria* and Haydn's *Nelson Mass*, in Exeter Cathedral, performing folk songs by Berio at the Southbank Centre as part of the Rest is Noise Festival, participation in Eugene Asti's Richard Strauss project, the alto solo (Cantata BWV 161, J.S Bach), directed by Steven Devine at the Old Royal Naval College Chapel and recitals at the Old Royal Naval College Chapel, St Bride's Church, Fleet Street and Claygate Music Festival.

The concert takes place from 7.30pm on Saturday, June 24th. Tickets are £10 on the door (under 18s free). The programme will include pieces by Mozart, Handel, Schumann, Rossini, Bellini, and Debussy.

■ Chloe Stratta and Anna-Marie McLachlan

Soap Soup presents The Pixies' Scarf

THE BRILLIANT Soap Soup Theatre company returns to The Lyric Theatre in Bridport with the latest of their imaginative puppet theatre shows for all the family, The Pixies' Scarf, on Saturday, June 17th.

Inspired by the powerfully evocative tale of *The Pixies' Scarf* by Alison Uttely, Soap Soup Theatre present their brand new theatrical treat for children and their families, set in the wet, craggy lands of Dartmoor.

While out picking whortleberries with Grandmother, Dicky Bundle finds a treasure that opens the door to a beautiful, fragile world. It is the world of The Wee Folk. But the moor hears Dicky listening, and watches Dicky looking, and tells the Pixies, who don't want to share their precious secrets with a human child. Soon Dicky must strike a deal with the Queen of the Pixies, or loose the magical scarf forever.

Audiences may recall Soap Soup's previous shows at The Lyric such as The Snow Baby, Little Red Riding Hood and The Owl & The Pussycat's Treasury of Nonsense. With deliciously visual storytelling, Soap Soup combines beautiful puppetry, charmingly funny characters and magical music, offering audiences their most unforgettable adventure yet!

Suitable for children aged 3 and up, and their families. 55 mins duration.

Soap Soup present The Pixies Scarf at Lyric Theatre, Bridport on Saturday, June 17th, 11am and 2pm.

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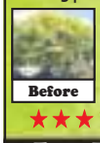
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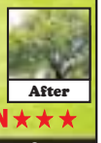
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New Citroën C3 Aircross compact SUV revealed: Citroën reinforces its international SUV offensive

FOLLOWING the world premiere of New C5 Aircross – the brand's new C-segment SUV – at the Shanghai Motor Show in April, Citroën is stepping up its international SUV offensive. Today the Citroën brand reveals the New C3 Aircross compact SUV, which will soon launch into the rapidly growing B SUV-segment in the UK, Europe and across markets worldwide.

Both of Citroën's new-generation SUVs are people-minded and inspired by customers. With the protective character of their exterior styling, New C5 Aircross and New C3 Aircross are equally appealing to SUV buyers, each with their own unique and energetic personalities.

Both models stand out in their respective segments and represent new benchmarks in terms of ease of use and on-board comfort. New C5 Aircross and New C3 Aircross illustrate the brand's expertise in design, the creation of space and well-being.

Inspired by the C-Aircross Concept, which was presented at the 2017 Geneva Motor Show, New C3 Aircross brings a breath of fresh air to the compact SUV segment. Outside, it stands out with its unique body styling and unprecedented personalisation choices. Inside, innovation is demonstrated through its levels of comfort as part of the Citroën Advanced Comfort® programme. This means plenty of space on-board, a modular design, and a bright and airy passenger compartment. New C3 Aircross is a contemporary vehicle that is connected and equipped with a range of technologies that make life easier in the city and out on the open road. In short, Citroën's new SUV invites fans of style, well-being and adventure to live a whole new automotive experience.

An SUV with an assertive & customisable personality

New Citroën C3 Aircross is a compact 4.15m long SUV distinguished by its powerful, original and fresh attitude. It boasts unique body styling that is fully representative of the current Citroën range, along with all the attributes of a robust and protective SUV – raised ground clearance, an elevated driving position, front and rear skid plates, large wheels and wheel arch extensions. The body styling is underscored by strong graphic features, such as the touches of colour on the roof bars and the 'Venetian Blind' rear quarter-lights.

New C3 Aircross offers an unprecedented number of personalisation options with up to 90 exterior colour combinations, including four roof colours for two-tone models and four 'Colour Packs', plus five highly distinctive interior design schemes. The cabin, with its horizontal design approach, clearly conveys spaciousness and protection. New C3 Aircross is also very much an SUV in terms of driving pleasure and handling. Nimble in the city, owing to its compact body, and ready for adventure with its Grip Control® and Hill Descent Assist system, New C3 Aircross is available with a wide selection of economical and efficient petrol and diesel engines.

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The new ŠKODA OCTAVIA vRS 245

IT IS the most powerful and most dynamic ŠKODA OCTAVIA in the company's history – the new ŠKODA OCTAVIA vRS 245. The bestselling range's sporty top model delivers 245 PS – 15 PS more than the previous most powerful RS variant, the ŠKODA OCTAVIA vRS 230. The powerful engine and innovative chassis technology, including an electronically regulated VAQ limited-slip differential, offer the ultimate driving experience. Available as a hatchback or an Estate, the Octavia vRS 245 accelerates from 0 to 62 mph in just 6.6 seconds (Estate: 6.7 seconds); its top speed is limited to 155 mph. As is usual for a ŠKODA, the car features a spacious interior and boot. In addition, the latest driver assistance systems are also available for the ŠKODA OCTAVIA vRS 245.Using the infotainment system, the occupants can be 'always online' thanks to the Wi-Fi hotspot and LTE module. Numerous 'Simply Clever' features demonstrate the practical talents of this powerful compact car. The overall package is unique in the compact sports car segment.

Design

The ŠKODA OCTAVIA vRS 245 features the new face of the brand with particularly sporty details. The radiator grille's vertical slats as well as its frame both come in a gloss-black finish. The bumper is designed with a particularly bold horizontal line, has broad honeycomb air inlets and contributes to the car's wide and sculptured impression. The redesigned headlight clusters in a crystalline look feature full-LED technology and the AFS adaptive front light system as standard. The fog lights, tail lights and number plate illumination also feature LED technology as well as a crystalline appearance.

The ŠKODA OCTAVIA vRS 245 and ŠKODA OCTAVIA Estate vRS 245 are available in a choice of four body colours: Corrida Red, Moon White, Magic Black and Meteor Grey.

Drive and chassis – a lot of power, low consumption

Under the bonnet of the ŠKODA OCTAVIA family's sporty top model beats a 245 PS four-cylinder TSI petrol engine. It offers 15 PS more than the most powerful variant of the current vRS model. Maximum torque of 370 Nm is achieved between 1,600 and 4,300 rpm. There is a choice of a 6-speed manual gearbox or – for the first time in a ŠKODA OCTAVIA – a 7-speed, dual-clutch transmission. From a standing start, the hatchback hits the 62 mph mark in 6.6 seconds, the Estate takes 6.7 seconds. The top speed is electronically limited to 155 mph, making the ŠKODA OCTAVIA vRS 245 the fastest and most powerful OCTAVIA ever.

Yet the average fuel consumption when combined with a 7-speed DSG transmission is just 44.1 mpg (42.8 mpg with a 6-speed manual gearbox), with CO2 emissions of 146 and 150 g/km respectively.

The acceleration is particularly impressive. In fifth gear, the ŠKODA OCTAVIA RS 245 with a manual gearbox sprints from 37 to 62 mph in just 6.4 seconds (Estate: 6.5 seconds) and from 50 to 75 mph in only 6.6 seconds (Estate: 6.8 seconds) – a reassuring safety cushion.

Compared to the 'normal' models in the range, the sports chassis lowers the body of the ŠKODA OCTAVIA vRS 245 by 15 mm. Its rear track is 30 mm wider than that of the ŠKODA OCTAVIA vRS 230 predecessor. The standard, burnished gloss-black alloy wheels are 19 inches in diameter.

■ The new ŠKODA OCTAVIA vRS 245

■ Multifunction sports steering wheel with integrated steering wheel paddles

Latest Mercedes-Benz campaign takes off with BLACKBIRD

MERCEDES-BENZ cars always come packed with state-of-the art technology, and the same is true of the latest advertising campaign for the C-Class.

The current European campaign for the C-Class Saloon and Estate uses cutting-edge film technology that allows the cars' stylish attributes – both inside and out – to be shown in one unbroken shot.

The viewer is taken on a continuous flight from the front left corner of the car, all the way around to the back, then through the interior, and all the way around to the front again. During this 'infinite loop,' the car shown switches seamlessly from a silver saloon to a blue estate.

The film was created in conjunction with visual effects and content creation agency The Mill, using 'The Mill BLACKBIRD' – a fully adjustable rig car that can quickly be transformed to match the chassis length and width of any car.

The width between the BLACKBIRD's wheels and from front to back was adjusted to match that of the C-Class, and the wheels were also changed to 19-inch alloy wheels from the C-Class.

Using data from Mercedes-Benz on the design of the C-Class, the BLACKBIRD could then be used to create a fully computer-generated, photo-real C-Class in whichever setting it was deployed.

Crucially, the use of this technology allows a technically complex film to be made to look deceptively simple to the viewer, creating the best possible platform for displaying the C-Class's stylish attributes.

■ Mercedes C-Class Salooncreated using the Mill BLACKBIRD

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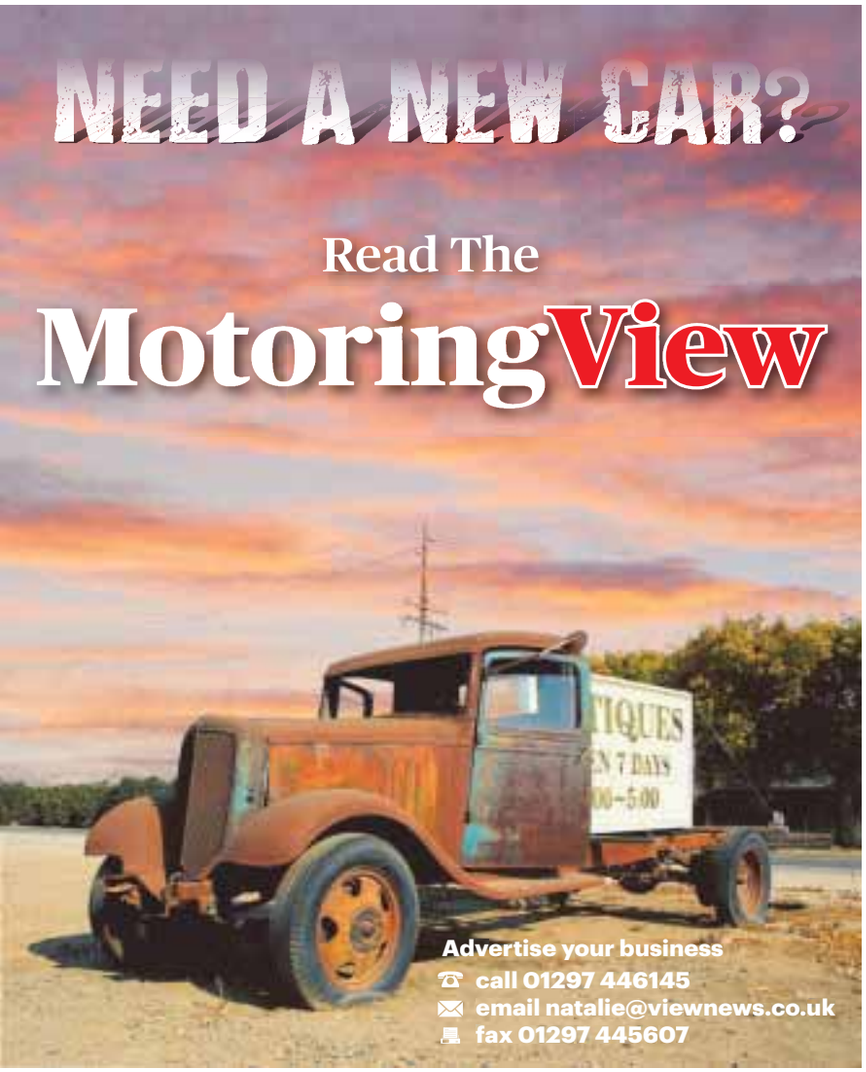

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Cricket extras

Boundaries the telling factor in Dorch win

DORCHESTER beat Martinstown recently to win the West Dorset Under 13 Cup Final at the Rec, Weymouth Avenue recently, where the number of boundaries struck played a significant factor. In tense circumstances, the the two sides, evenly matched throughout, played out a thrilling encounter.

Whether the sunny Saturday morning conditions were a factor but Dorchester's sleepy batsmen started poorly with Seb Gallego accounting for Dorchester's top order as they collapsed to 6-4, with only one run off the bat, by Devon Derrien.

Only home batsman Jake Kelly offered any early resistance, striking a perfect 25 runs which included four boundaries before he retired.

With the score on 50-6, Dorchester all-rounder's Warren Cooper (16) and Marshall Mearns (18) came together and added a priceless stand of 36 to give Dorchester what seemed like a below par total of 84.

However, only Finlay Williams reached double figures for Martinstown as he built a solid innings collecting his maximum 25 runs.

Ry Gerity (8) and Eddie Erskin (7) put on 16 in a seventh wicket as they threatened to haul in the Dorchester score.

But Dorchester wicket-keeper Cameron Brown broke the partnership when he ran out Gerity, leaving Aman Iftikar to wrap up the innings with four late wickets to see Dorchester home.

In the end the deciding factor was Dorchester's more positive approach to batting as they managed to find the boundary on 10 occasions to Martinstown's five.

■ **CHAMPS:** The Dorchester CC under 13s team celebrate after their victory over Martinstown at the Rec.

Weymouth Ladies seek new players

AFTER an encouraging start to the season for the newly formed Weymouth Ladies Cricket team, they are in need of new players to boost their numbers.

With the season having just started in the TT25 Ladies League involving five teams including the Seasiders, coach Gerald Marchant is appealing for active ladies of teenage to 40+ age to join.

There are softball and hardball matches scheduled on selected Sundays until September. No kit is required, just your time, a soft drink, and small fees payable on attendance.

Gerald who coached the youth teams over the past five or six years said: "It is a fun game with great team spirit, and is an opportunity to learn a new sport and meet and bond with other likeminded ladies. You will gain skills, technique, fitness and I emphasise, have fun."

There is softball training planned for the next few weeks and new dates can be added particularly for new players who require coaching.

The three one hour softball training sessions start at 6pm and are held at Redlands on the outfield at the far end of Pitch One towards Wey Valley tennis centre, and costs £1.50 per session.

They are on tonight (Wednesday) and Tuesday, June 20th.

Please wear anything comfortable, bring a soft drink and use it as great practice with a short quickfire game at the end.

Just turn up or for more information contact Gerald on 07967 975342.

■ **TEAMWORK:** Dorchester CC 2nds XI's Habib Wardak and Olly Osborne whose combined 18 overs turned Saturday's match against Hamworthy Recreation 2nds on its head and earned Dorch an unlikley 13-run victory.

Wardak finished with 2 for 20 and Osborne 4 for 30 as Rec slipped form 50 for 1 to 117 all out in pursuit of a target of 130.

Friendly football dates

Bridport: July Sat 8th Hamworthy United (A); Tues 11th Wincanton Town (H); Sat 15th Ilminster Town (H); Tues 18th Portland United (H); Sat 22nd Weymouth XI (H); Fri 28th Axminster Town (A)
KO: Sat 3pm Midweek 7.45pm.

Portland United: July Sat 15th Balti Sports (A); Tues 18th Bridport (A); Sat 22nd Dorchester Town Res (A); Tues 25th Dorchester Town (H); Thur 27th 1st Army XI (H) / Res Bridport (A)
KO: Sat 3pm Midweek 7.45pm except Res at Bridport 7pm.

Dorchester Town: July Mon 10th Bradford Town (A); Fri 21st Poole Town (A); Tues 25th Portland United (A); Sat 29th Exeter City (H)
KO: away games 7.30pm, home 7.45pm.

Weymouth: July Tues 11th Yeovil Town (H); Tues 18th Exeter City (H); Sat 22nd Torquay United (H); Tues 25th Taunton Town (A); Sat 29th Poole Town (H); August Sat 5th Wimborne Town (A)
KO: Sat 3pm Midweek 7.45pm except Exeter 7.30pm.

Hockey stars of the future

■ **WELL DONE:** The Weymouth Hockey Club's youth team players pictured at their recent awards presentation evening.

■ **MADE IT:** West Dorset Swimming Club'as Aime Buttle has qualified for the 800M freestyle at the National championships for the first time - *see back page.*

A view from the Boundary WITH STUART BROOM

Martinstown push league leaders all the way

Dorset Saturday tables

Premier	Pld	Pts
Swanage	6	114
Broadstone	6	89
Wimborne & Colehill	6	89
Sherborne	6	87
DORCHESTER	6	75
Stalbridge	6	69
Poole Town	6	62
Shroton	6	57
MARTINSTOWN	6	40
Shillingstone	6	29

Division One	Pld	Pts
Bere Regis	6	118
Christchurch	6	105
CATTISTOCK	6	87
WEYMOUTH	6	77
Poole Town II	6	74
Hamworthy Rec	6	70
Cerne Valley	6	65
Parley	6	60
Broadstone II	6	46
Wimborne & C II	6	43

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Compton House	6	100
PORTLAND RT	6	98
Witchampton	6	92
Blandford	6	88
Marnhull	6	73
Ferndown Wayfarers	6	65
Stalbridge II	6	60
Cranborne	6	47
Shillingstone II	6	39
Sherborne II	6	31

Division Three	Pld	Pts
CHARLTON DOWN	6	119
DORCHESTER II	6	100
Ashmore	6	92
Kingston Lacy	6	89
Sturminster Marshall	6	89
Dorset Indian Tigers	6	83
BEAMINSTER	6	45
Hamworthy Rec II	6	38
Wimborne & C III	6	34
Poole Town III	6	31

Division Four	Pld	Pts
PUDDLETOWN	5	84
Corfe Mullen	6	81
Shaftesbury	5	81
Sturminster & Hintn	6	74
Chalk Valley	5	69
ABBOTSBURY	5	56
RS Sports	5	54
Wareham	6	46
Cerne Valley II	5	43

Division Five	Pld	Pts
Swanage II	5	95
Witchampton II	6	71
PORTLAND RT II	4	63
Broadstone III	5	63
Blandford II	4	58
Marnhull II	5	57
MARTINSTOWN II	5	55
Poole Town IV	4	-12

Division Six	Pld	Pts
SYMENE	5	80
Wimborne & Col IV	5	71
Bere Regis II	4	68
Bradford Abbas	5	65
WEYMOUTH II	5	52
Winton	5	30
Bournemouth	5	26
Stalbridge III	4	-5

Dorset Sunday tables

Division One	Pld	Pts
Sherborne	6	115
Dewlish	6	87
CHARLTON DOWN	6	79
Old Blandfordians	5	69
Corfe Mullen	5	69
Pokesdown Willows	5	54
PORTLAND RT	5	37
Stalbridge	5	17
Poole Town	5	-57

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Broadstone	5	82
Witchampton	6	76
WEYMOUTH	4	66
Milborne Port	4	64
Hamworthy	4	43
Dorset Indians	4	37
Cheselbourne	5	34
Lytchett	6	22

Dorset Premier League

DORCHESTER (18) 158-6 BEAT POOLE TOWN (5) 155-9 BY 2 WICKETS

DORCHESTER continued their recent good form with a win against a competitive Poole Town.

Captain Simon Mitchem was delighted with his side's display both with bat and particularly with the ball.

Deciding to field the county town bowling attack kept the Poole batsmen on their mettle with all six producing outstanding displays to make scoring difficult.

Mitchem who thinks his side have probably the best bowling attack in the league told *View Sport*: "We bowled really well and put the ball in the right place making it difficult to get away.

"I think they were hoping to see off the opening salvo and get at the change bowlers, but we have such a strong line-up that was impossible."

Dan Belt was particularly effective with 2-10 from eight overs, but Mitchem was also full of praise for newcomer Jack Owens (3-13).

The young all rounder took three wickets in one over to put the pressure on Poole, as well as scoring an unbeaten 27 not out to take Dorchester to victory with five overs left.

"He came on in the 40th over; which isn't easy, to bowl at the death; and he did really well, and also batted well."

Badrul Alam held the Poole innings together with a fighting unbeaten 45 not out, as good fielding helped the county town to restrict them to 155-9 in their 50 overs.

Mainstay of Dorchester's reply were Will McKay (30) and James Caldwell (40) making his first appearance of the season, with Owens and Ben Macklin (11*) guiding them home with an unbeaten stand of 36.

MARTINSTOWN (8) 265 LOST TO SWANAGE (20) 266-7 BY 3 WICKETS

THERE was a chance that Martinstown could have inflicted the first defeat of the season on leaders Swanage who won with just one over to spare.

Captain Ed Nichols said: "I'm still shaking my head as to how we lost it. We put a reasonable score on the board, but then failed to defend it.

"Firstly we didn't bat out all our overs and should have set them 300 to win.

"Then having been presented with 52 extras, we only needed to bowl straight, but conceded all but four back to them, and finally we crucially dropped their top scorer Ryan Norman (65*)."

Batting first, Martinstown amassed 265 all out, with Fraser Hill (95) including 8x4, 5x6 top scoring.

"He batted really well. Having lost two early wickets, he showed good application and held the innings together with an array of judicious shots and strokes. The score was above par but it was ten short of my original target."

In reply Swanage were in a little trouble at 39-3, but Ricky King (46) and Pete Richards (62) steadied the ship, although Martinstown chipped away at them, giving themselves a chance before Norman was dropped.

"I think if that had gone to hand we would have won it. "

County Division One

CERNE VALLEY (4) 85 LOST TO CATTISTOCK (20) 269-9 BY 184 RUNS

CATTISTOCK'S victory keeps them in second place was marred by an injury to Liam Toohill that could keep him out for up to six weeks.

Having top scored with 81 in Cattistock's innings, he had broken Cerne Valley's opening partnership when he caught his foot on the edge of the artificial wicket and damaged the ligaments in his ankle.

Although Cattistock lost Martin Langford (4) early on, solid knocks from Jon Legg (22), Brad Johns (28) and Joe Baggs (27) put them back in the game, before a mid order collapse left them 84-5.

However, Toohill (11x4, 2x6) with good support from the bottom order, particularly Brad Damen (34) saw them set a target of 269-9.

Despite the early loss of George Chubb, Cerne reached 41-1 before they collapsed under the spin of Legg (4-20) and Langford (4-32) which saw them collapse to 85 all out.

WEYMOUTH (5) 139 ALL OUT LOST TO CHRISTCHURCH (19) 140-6 BY 4 WICKETS

SEASIDERS' captain Simon Browne blamed another poor batting display and the inability of the middle lower order to bat out the overs as the reason for this defeat.

"That total was never going to be enough. Another 30-40 would have put us in a better position because I don't think they batted a long way down".

"We need to use our brains and take responsibility when things are tight batting, and manoeuvre things around and pick up singles to keep the scoreboard ticking over, and ensure we bat the overs out.

"It probably cost us the game last week, and maybe this week as well.

"We bowled and fielded okay but we need to put in that bit extra all round to turn these games into wins."

Whilst seven of the top eight got into double figures, only Kieron Womble (31), Tom England (21) and Dougal Williams (20) made any real impact.

Christchurch made a solid start in reply but when Browne (1-23) trapped Malone with the score 47, Harry Mitchell (4-22) quickly reduced them to 79-5, and it was only a solid 61 from Jack Salter that stopped the rot.

When Graham Puckett (1-28) bowled him on 132-6 they were virtually home.

County DivisionTwo

PORTLAND RED TRIANGLE (20) 133-5 BEAT SHERBORNE 2ND (4) 132 ALL OUT BY 5 WICKETS

PORTLAND kept up the pressure on leaders Compton House with an easy five-wicket victory over Sherborne 2nd.

The visitors made a solid start and at 69-1 looked likely to set PRT a good target.

However, Matt Barrett (3-40) changed that with three quick wickets as they slumped to 88-6.

Harden and Durston showed resistance in adding 43 for the seventh wicket before Simon Proffitt (2-45) and captain Matt Randall (3-1 in 11 balls) closed the innings at 132 all out.

In reply Ollie Whisker (0) and Proffitt (2) were back in the hutch with five on the board but sensible batting from Ray Emery (21), Randall (36), and a unbeaten stand of 40 between Joe Adkins and Cameron Midgley (both 22 *) saw them home.

County Division Three

BEAMINSTER (2) 96-2 LOST TO ASHMORE (16) 242-5 ON FASTER RUN RATE

FOR the second successive week, Beaminster lost a rain-affected game.

In pursuit of an altered target of 197 in 39 overs, they were 96-2 off 23 overs before the match was abandoned following heavy rain.

Earlier, Lee Russell once again dominated the Ashmore innings with a brutal undefeated 110.

Beaminster dropped several chances as they struggled to hold on to the heavy, wet ball.

The five wickets were shared, but ultimately the key wicket of Russell was not taken.

In reply, the Beaminster innings was interrupted several times by heavy showers. Ross Baker (55 not out) and Lewis Keenan (19) shared an opening partnership of 47, before a new one with Dan Hillier (13*) was developing.

But, disappointingly, the players had to eventually surrender to the weather.

As Beaminster's hopes were dashed after falling behind the run rate and losing two wickets.

WIMBORNE & COLEHILL 3RD (5) 124 ALL OUT LOST TO CHARLTON DOWN (20) 296-9 BY 172 RUNS

ROGER Frapwell was the backbone of the Charlton Down innings with a patient two hour half century, as they made it six straight wins.

However, they didn't have it all their own way as they found themselves 25-3, before Sam Roles joined Frapwell at the crease and struck a quick fire 31 in just 20 balls.

A telling partnership of 69 between Frapwell and Matt Stevens (34), whose drives to the cover boundary was mixed with dogged defence, saw a batting recovery, but at 133-5 the Charlton Down innings could have gone either way.

But, the depth of the batting continued the momentum. Frapwell forged another partnership of 60 with Dan Stevens (48) who produced his best innings of the season, to achieve maximum batting points, before being caught for 56.

And with a further 56 added in the final six over they set an impressive target of 296-9.

The hosts found the accurate bowling of Charlton Down difficult to get away, with Ben Waddington (37) top scoring. Dan Stevens (3-20) bowled beautifully and Sam Roles (4-27) never let the opposition gain any scoring momentum.

Captain Tommy Tucker said "At 25-3 if anyone had said we would have scored nearly 300 runs I wouldn't have believed them.

"Roger Frapwell played a great innings and it was great to see him talking to the young lads when batting."

HAMWORTHY REC 2ND (9) 117 ALL OUT LOST TO DORCHESTER 2ND (17) 130 ALL OUT BY 13 RUNS

THIS fifth consecutive win looked doubtful after Dorchester had been dismissed for just 130 with just Mike Peak (31) and Simon Joslin (47) showing form with the bat.

Staring down the barrel, skipper Peak (2-30) gave the county town fielding no less than six U15s hope with an early wicket, but the partnership of Regan and Fisher looked to be steering the hosts at 50-1 towards victory.

However, a change of bowling produced an incredible change of fortune as leg spinner Habib Wardak (2-20) and the medium pace of Olly Osborne (4-30) bowled 18 overs in tandem to set up victory.

Wardak and keeper Joslin both took brilliant one handed catches as Peak returned and with Steve Clifford (2-4) they dismissed their host for 117 all out and victory by 13 runs.

County Division Four

ABBOTSBURY (20) 196-5 BEAT ROYAL CHALLENGERS SPORTS (3) 91 ALL OUT BY 105 RUNS

ABBOTSBURY continued their recent improvement in form with victory over Royal Challengers .

The Swans were asked to bat on a pitch softened by the recent heavy rain and the decision was rewarded with the wicket of Simon Pengelly (10) in the third over.

With the pitch offering little bounce a circumspect approach was adopted and runs were only slowly accumulated.

Following the loss of Nick Kneebone (10), run out in a misunderstanding with Frank Pitman, Challengers struck twice to remove Pitman (24) and Andrew Wood (11) leaving Abbotsbury at 74-4 at the halfway stage of their innings.

However, with the aggressive pairing of Chris Backhouse and Chas Duerdoth now at the crease, there was an upsurge in the scoring rate.

Duerdoth was particularly destructive in a century stand which was finally ended in the penultimate over when Backhouse (35) was bowled by Eldo.

Duerdoth smashed eight fours and three sixes in an unbeaten 80 as the Abbotsbury innings closed on 196.

In reply, veteran Swans seamer Grafton Straker (2-46) picked up a wicket in the first over, swiftly followed with a brace from spinner Aaron Oliver as the Challengers batsmen failed to adapt to the pitch conditions effectively.

Challengers lost a contentious fourth wicket as Milton (11) claimed his edge behind was off the pad which left them 27-4.

Only Jobi Matthew showed any resistance for the batting side with an excellent 61, but the introduction of Jay Lintern (4-4) resulted in a devastating spell to snuff out the Challengers innings, his last over claiming three victims to secure victory and maximum points for the Swans.

County Division Five

MARNHULL 2ND (20) 106-5 BEAT PORTLAND RED TRIANGLE 2ND (4) 103 ALL OUT BY 5 WICKETS

AGAINST an experienced batting side like Marnhull, Portland RT did not score enough to trouble their hosts too much, although a spirited bowling and fielding display meant victory was only finally secured in the 34th over.

Batting first, only Dave Adkins (31) and Stuart Sugg (29*) made more than seven as PRT were dismissed for 103 all out.

In reply Marnhull were made to work for their runs and all six PT bowlers produced excellent figures.

After losing Paul Woodrow in the first over to Jon Cameron (1-19), the veterans Barry Lewis (48) and Chris Ralph (24) added 67 for the second wicket.

Captain George Linley-Munro (0-3) was particularly miserly, his six overs included three maidens, whilst Jack Marsh was the most successful bagging 3-18 from six.

County Division Six

SYMENE (5) WIMBORNE & COLEHILL 2ND (5) – MATCH POSTPONED GROUND UNFIT

BRADFORD ABBAS (19) 139-1 BEAT WEYMOUTH 2ND (3) 138-8 BY 9 WICKETS

DESPITE a good opening partnership between Tony Quayle (21) and Pete Gordon (36), and useful contributions from Paul Webb (25) and Andy Anderson (21), Weymouth 2nds could only muster 138-8 in their 40 overs at Bradford Abbas.

The hosts easily passed this in the 25th over for the loss of one wicket.

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Division One

WEST & MIDDLE CHINNOCK (18) 184 ALL OUT BEAT BROADWINDSOR (7) 99-9 BY 85 RUNS

AN under strength Broadwindsor did well against strong opposition and good bowling and fielding saw them reduce their hosts to 110-8 before big hitting Jack Hayes with 73 saw them post a challenging target.

Adam Herring (3-23) was the pick of the bowlers with Jack Walklett (3-45) and Francis Medley (2-41) also in form.

Dave Penman (20) looked to frustrate the home bowlers, and with the help of Dan Hillier (15), Francis Medley (28) and Neil Jewitt (12*) they ensured they batted out the overs, but were well short at the finish.

Lyme golf

Ten-year-old Zac shows the way

LYME Regis Classic Golf Week started with a Ladies and Men's **Stableford.**

Melissa McMahon, playing off scratch, didn't let the home side down as she had a prolific back nine to win with a total score of 34 points for the ladies on countback from guests Gill Spindlove, and Judy McLaughlin in third on 33 points.

It could have been a Mudford family celebration but for five handicapper Pete Sargent's brilliant 43 points.

His 25 points on the first nine was such a solid foundation that no one could touch him as he won Division One with his two under gross sparkling round.

Steven Mudford shot a very impressive three under gross round to finish second with 41 points while Mike Mudford finished third with 39.

With the best score of the day, it was so wonderful to see 10-year-old Zac Mudford maintain a good family tradition and score 45 points founded on a string of seven consecutive nett birdies in the front nine score of 25 points and Division Two.

Second was the evergreen Malcolm Wilson with 20 points on the back nine in his score of 38, while Forbes Watson also scored 20 points on the back nine in his third placed 37 points.

The **Hardy A & B** teams were both in action and both teams had hard fought and convincing wins against opponents MOORS VALLEY and FERNDOWN FOREST.

Youth cricket

Beaminster through to county semi finals

WILL Moss and Lewis Keenan starred for Beaminster Under 15s with bat and ball as they swept aside Stalbridge to reach the semi-final of the ECB Dorset County Cup last Friday.

They qualified by beating Martinstown in the West Dorset Under 15s Cup a week earlier at Lower Ashton Farm.

Having restricted the hosts to 68-8 in their 20 overs with Moss taking 3-8, brother Adam (2-5), Ben Leather (2-18) and Fergus Rees (1-13) taking the wickets, Lewis Keenan (24) and Will Moss (24*) who carried his bat, they easily reached their target scoring 69-2 in just 9.2 overs.

Having lost the toss at the Memorial Playing Fields, Stalbridge were invited to bat, and were met by some aggressive bowling from Toby Pattemore who produced both bounce and lift.

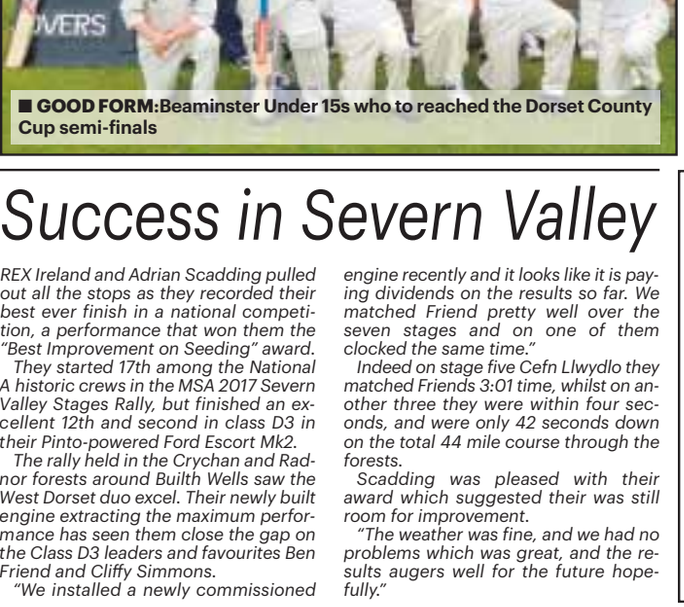
Although unfortunate not to take a wicket, he only conceded 10 runs in his four overs.

The breakthrough came with Moss (2-16) having Gartey caught by Keenan who then brilliantly ran out McKinnon. He took 2-13 as Stalbridge with Garnon and Crosby producing a late spurt, reached 107-5 in their 20 overs.

Moss (24) and Keenan (21) got Beaminster off to a great start in reply with an opening partnership of 39 followed by an aggressive contribution from Pattemore (16).

Alex Payne (12) also batted well before Adam Moss secured victory with a boundary with three overs to spare.

They now face another unknown quantity in Hamworthy this Friday (16th) for a place in the final.



■ **GOOD FORM:** Beaminster Under 15s who to reached the Dorset County Cup semi-finals

■ **WINNERS:** The Beaminster team pictured after beating Sunninghill.

Beaminster School in form

BEAMINSTER School cricketers appear in good form following the opening games of the new season.

The Year 7 and 8 teams just failed to make the county hardball finals but are through to the equivalent softball version, whilst the school had an excellent win over Sunninghill.

Beaminster 195-2 beat Sunninghill 159-4 by 36 runs

IT WAS perfect cricket weather at Lower Ashton Farm, Martinstown with clear blue skies and lots of sun for their match against Sunninghill, Dorchester.

Opting to bat first, Beaminster openers Finlay Williams and Marcus White soon started to accumulate runs with good running between the wicket, with Williams retiring on 60 in the 11th over. They continued to punish the opposition with useful knocks from White (20), Riley Millett 33 not out and Tom Earlam 17 not out.

Beaminster worked well to defend their score with Jacob Parsons, Williams and Earlam among the wickets

Team: Finlay Williams (Captain), Marcus White, Archie Mullins, Riley Millett, Tom Earlam, Jacob Parsons, Ben Watts, Henry Mason, Toby Gale, Arlo Castle

The Beaminster Year 7 and 8 cricketers had their first outing of the year competing in the Area Super 8s Hardball competition. Despite hitting 44 off their seven overs, they could not bet the target of 56 set by The Woodroffe School.

However, they are through to the county finals of the softball version of the Super 8s later this month.

Super 8s Team: Marcus White, Harvey Denslow, Archie Mullins, Jacob Parsons, Henry Mason, Tom Earlam, Ben Watts, Toby Gale.

Success in Severn Valley

REX Ireland and Adrian Scadding pulled out all the stops as they recorded their best ever finish in a national competition, a performance that won them the "Best Improvement on Seeding" award.

They started 17th among the National A historic crews in the MSA 2017 Severn Valley Stages Rally, but finished an excellent 12th and second in class D3 in their Pinto-powered Ford Escort Mk2.

The rally held in the Crychan and Radnor forests around Builth Wells saw the West Dorset duo excel. Their newly built engine extracting the maximum performance has seen them close the gap on the Class D3 leaders and favourites Ben Friend and Cliffy Simmons.

"We installed a newly commissioned engine recently and it looks like it is paying dividends on the results so far. We matched Friend pretty well over the seven stages and on one of them clocked the same time."

Indeed on stage five Cefn Llwydlo they matched Friends 3:01 time, whilst on another three they were within four seconds, and were only 42 seconds down on the total 44 mile course through the forests.

Scadding was pleased with their award which suggested their was still room for improvement.

"The weather was fine, and we had no problems which was great, and the results augers well for the future hopefully."

■ **SAD LOSS:** Jim Jowett

League mourns chairman Jim

STEVE Holton has been installed as the new chairman of the Perry Street & District League at it's annual meeting at Perry Street Club last Thursday.

Crewkerne Rangers' Holton succeeds Jim Jowett who members were informed had suffered a severe stoke the previous Saturday. Mr Jowett, who was 68, sadly died on Friday morning.

The tributes flowed in on social media over the weekend for Mr Jowett who had served in the role for 15 years and was popular throughout the league which spans clubs in East Devon, South Somerset and West Dorset.

Dave Pearson and Sue Drayton remain in their roles as Vice Chairman and President/Treasurer respectively, with Kingsbury Episcopi's two-time Secretary of the Year Chris Ware replacing the retiring Mark Brunt as League Secretary and Kerry Miller likely to be installed as Referees' appointments secretary.

Callum Preston was the recipient of the Top Scorer trophy after his 58 goals helped Misterton Reserves to the Division Three title.

Other awards; Secretary of the Year - Phil James (Uplyme), Linesman - Clive Crabb (Halstock), Jeff Farley (Referee), Halstock - Fairplay.

Three teams are returning the league; Drimpton and Netherbury Reserves have both reformed while Perry Street Reserves have returned after a season in the Yeovil League.

Meanwhile, the proposed 'roll-on, roll-off' substitutes concept was narrowly voted down 14-12 and will not be used in the 2017-18 season.

Bowls round-up

Hatters remain unbeaten whilst Totties topple Gazelles

THE Hatters' seventh consecutive win saw them open up a four point lead at the top of the Bridport & West Dorset Indoor Bowls Club's **Morning League** from second placed Supernovas whose winning start was ended by Brian Suffling, Barbara Jenkins & Mike Long's Old Timers 18-7.

Hatters were a player short against 4 Menandalady so Peter Hunt and Chris Everest had four woods to their opponents' three. They opened up with 4,5,4 counts to lead 13-0, but their opponents fought back with 1,3,3 counts before two big six counts finally gave Hatters a 27-14 win.

Joyce and Keven Rendell & Margaret Pestelle's Scuttlebutts went 10-1 up against Hotspurs but needed a two-count on the final end to win 12-9 after Hotspurs fought back with 1,3,3,1 counts to only trail 9-10.

A 1,2 finish gave Sylvia and Mike Fletcher & Len Guppy's Mannequins a 9-7 win over Wickers, whilst David Jenkin, Ruby Winton & Mel Hargett's Bandits beat Grumblers 12-10.

Evening League leaders Gazelles were brought down to earth by Peter Varney, Guppy & Andy Marsh's Totties 14-8, whist Keven Moyes, Long & Phil Hedges' Pirates went 15-0 up against the Potters before finally winning 20-10.

Penny Pither, Sheila Nicholl & Keith Hicks's Lillywhites pummelled Wasups 18-6, whilst the Fletchers & Brian Baker's Butlins scored a late six-count to beat Jackpots 15-8.

Tracey Marley, Brian Legg & David Jenkin's Renegades won 19-8 against Dingo's, whilst Sharon and Les Heath & Mike Parson's Wyverns beat Chancers 12-8.

Long, Keith Jenkins & Annie Legg secured two points for Bridport Royals in the County Mixed League with a 10-shot win at Moonfleet. However, the hosts picked up the remaining four points as Marley, Hedges & Fletcher lost by 11 to win by one shot overall.

Ruined by rain

BOTH of the Lyme Regis Men's Dorset League games were called off last Monday due to a local monsoon!

The Ladies travelled to Sherborne in Division One of the Dorset league where they only managed to secure two points.

However, they had more success in the second round of Top Club when they won three of the four disciplines away at Greenhill.

In the friendlies, Lyme had a comfortable 103-65 win against South Petherton but came unstuck 60-34 against the visually impaired from Yeovil.

Friendlies

Lyme Regis 103 South Petherton 65

M Knight, N Benson, A Preece, A Weech 24-9; P Knight, A Nabarro, Chas Barber 16-16; F Sell, B Moon, A Allman 19-13; L Young, J Bishop, S Wood, S Pomeroy 19-10; T Young, C Pomeroy, D Wood, P Weech 25-17.

Lyme Regis 34 Visually Impaired Yeovil 60; J Perry, N Solomon, S Wood 11-30; B Smith, N Bond, A Preece 11-12; P Ward, S Bond, D Wood 12-18.

Mixed week for Bridport

Bridport moved above BLANDFORD to third bottom in the Dorset Womens League Division One following their 59-44 success, winning two rinks to secure eight points. Frances Hewett, Gil Hunt, Alison Tibble & Margaret Clapp 23-12; Delphine Street, Mary Eastman, Laura Taylor & Pat Cornick 16-15; Lynn Craddock, Marion Carter, Rosemary Brooks & Melodie Watts 20-17.

In Division Two bottom side Bridport B took six points in their game with Broadstone B. Jean Seadon, Sue Jenkins, Pauline Newitt, Chris Cowdrey 15-20; Margaret Strange, Janet Bird, Janet Tattershall, Barbara Iverson 12-24; Diane S Butcher, Jill Willcox, Marion Tocher, a 30-6 win for an overall 57-50 victory.

In the Men's SDL Division One Bridport A beat DORCHESTER B 55-47 at Priory Lane. Chris Bosher, Bill Payne, Keith Brooks, Barry Shortland 11-20; Dave Roberts, John Carter, Tom Tocher, Brian Conisbee 23-11; Brian Iverson, Mike Smith, Bob Taylor, Brian Rumble 21-16. A good run in by all three secured an overall win and eight points.

Bridport A won another close game and eight points at DORCHESTER A 56-54. Roy Lidington, Mike Craddock, Phillip Wilson, Ken Sanger 20-18; Chris Hall, Bob Willcox, Paul Tibble, Mike Soloman18-15; Chris Taylor, Steve Bartlett, Fred Pomeroy, Dave Smith 18-17.

Bottom side Bridport B are finding it hard in the SDL Division Two. They travelled to PORTLAND BO and could manage just one point in going down 53-61. Sam Dunn, Geoff Strange, Roger Herbert, Dave Robbins 20-20; Peter Billett, Roger H Smith, John Ireland, Bob Seadon 17 -24, Dan Hoskins, Brian Stone, P Scott, Clive Langdon 16-17.

Bridport had a welcome victory over LYME REGIS in the Dorset Championship picking up eight points in a 65-50 win. Bosher, Payne, Brooks, Chris Thorne 28-15; Ben Jones, Mike Smith, Taylor, Rumble 17-20; Brian Iverson, John Carter, Shortland, Conisbee 20-15.

However, LYME REGIS 2 got revenge on the other Priory Lane rinks, beating Bridport B 63-43 in West Division Two. Hoskins, Eric Link, Ireland, Langdon, 21-1; Strange, Adam Smith, Tocher, Seadon 11-17, Dunn, Billett, Herbert, Robbins 11-31.

Bridport A fared better at PORTLAND VIC with a 52-45 victory taking seven points. Lidington, Willcox, Scott, Sanger 15-17; Hall, Wilson, Griffiths Soloman 17-17; Taylor D Smith, Tibble, Pomeroy 20-11.

Bridport won two friendlies, the first against CREWKERNE where top rink by one shot were Lynn Craddock, Peter Billett, Bob Seadon, Ken Sanger, and the other 68-38 against MERRIOTT. Top rink: Roger H Smith, Mike Craddock, Paul Tibble, Rosemary Brooks.

However, they lost their friendly 75-68 against the SOUTH DORSET BOWLS ASSOCIATION with top rink M Marsh, Harry Gray, P Scott, Brian Rumble.

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INSIDE: Local sport round-up

National recognition for local swimmers

THREE swimmers from West Dorset Swimming Club in Dorchester have received invitations to take part in British and English National Championships, held at Ponds Forge, Sheffield this summer.

This is a huge achievement for swimmers from a relatively small club, showing that with the club coaches motivation and the swimmers hard work, the highest level of competition can be achieved.

Henry Wyrill (15) from Bridport commutes to Dorchester to train four days a week. After a sterling performance at the recent South West Regional Finals in May, he continued his great form at the recent Plymouth Level 1 open meet, taking 2nd place in both the 100m and 200m backstroke finals.

Wyrill, is currently ranked 22nd in Great Britain for his 50m backstoke and it is this race that he has gained the all important qualifying time for the British Championships in July. He competed in 2016 at the British Championships in the same race.

He will then compete again in the English Nationals this August, in the 100m and 200m backstroke. He is currently training hard to ensure that next year he qualifies for the British Champs in not only the 50m, but also the 100m and 200m backstroke events as well. His dream is for a GB team selection one day and competing in the Olympics.

Lauren McRobbie (13) is from Dorchester, and put in an impressive performance at the South West age group regional finals, finishing fourth in the final for the girls 13 and under 50m freestyle, in a 27.53 secs.

With this performance McRobbie, gained the required qualifying time for the event at the English National Championships.

Currently ranked 14th in England for the 50m freestyle in her age group, McRobbie, has been with WDSC since the age of nine and has worked upwards through the different squads, winning medals at various Open Meets across the South West, at the Dorset County Championships. Lauren enjoys playing netball and athletics and would love to be involved in sport as a career.

Amie Buttle is also from Dorchester. She started swimming for WDSC when she was just five years old, and obtained her well deserved qualification time for the 800m Freestyle event at the English Nationals this year, after just missing out over the last few years.

Unfortunately Buttle, who is currently studying Medical Engineering at the University of Surrey, has accepted a summer job in America.

However, Buttle who trains with Guildford Swimming Club during term time, was within touching distance this year of English National qualifying times for the 100m backstroke and 200m freestyle.

Although now 20, she is not giving up and shows that with focus and continued training, it is possible to reach those goals.

■ **PROGRESSING WELL:** Henry Wyrill and Lauren McRobbie

A West Dorset Swimming Club spokesman said: "This is a fantastic achievement and we are extremely proud of all three of them. Huge congratulations and we can't wait to see their progress and these competitions."For more information on West Dorset Swimming Club visit www.swimwestdorset.org.uk.

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